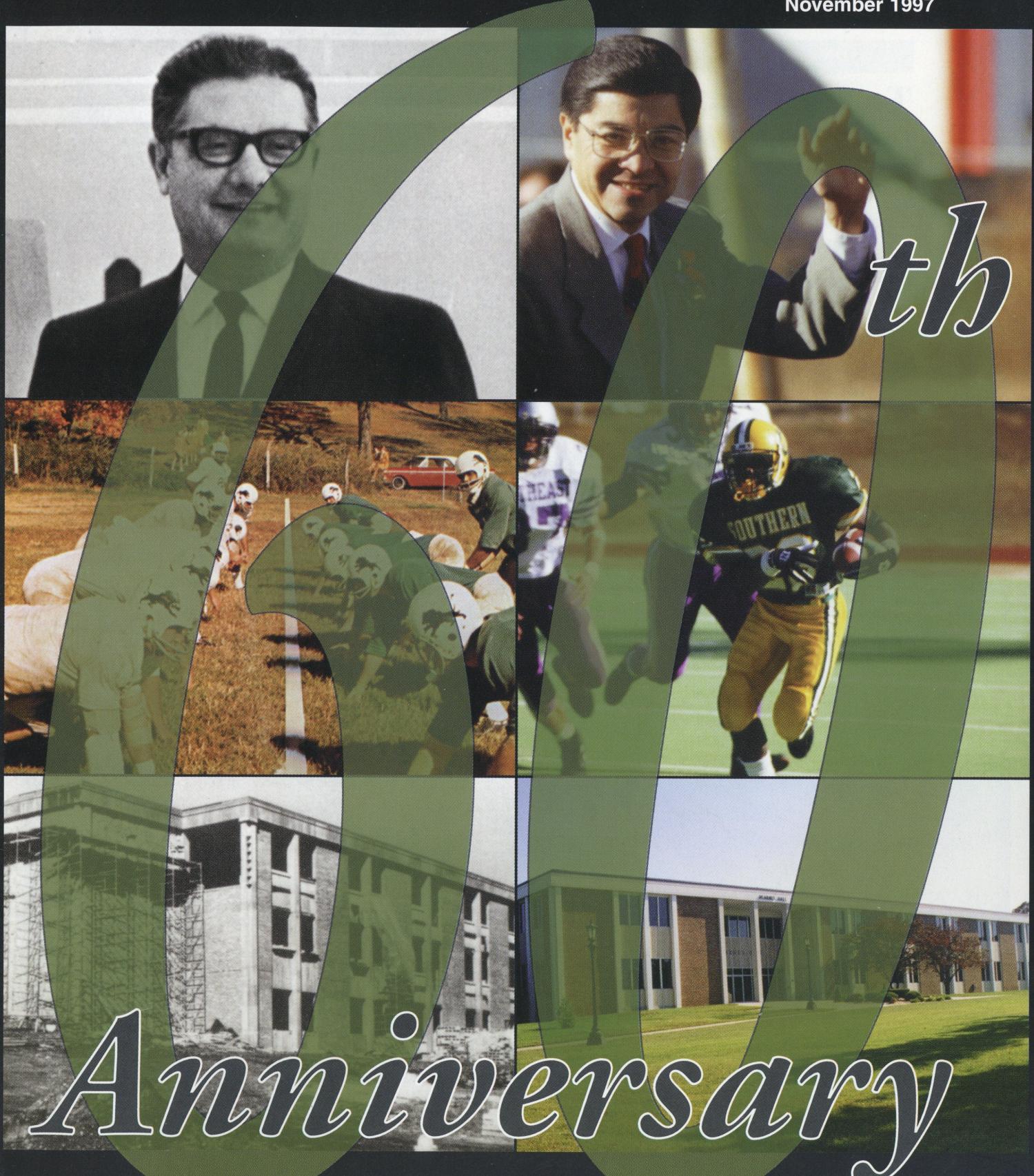


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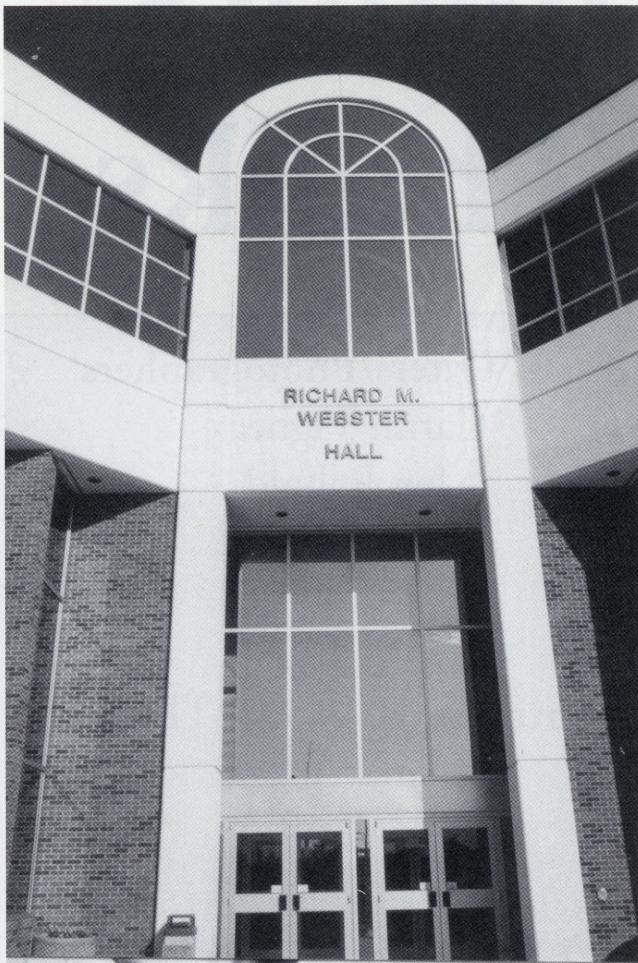
I would like to give a special thanks to all of those who encouraged me through my many times of stress. Thank you for hanging in there with my mood swings.

I hope all of you freshmen are enjoying Southern, and congratulations to the December graduates. Hope you enjoy the magazine.

Andre Smith  
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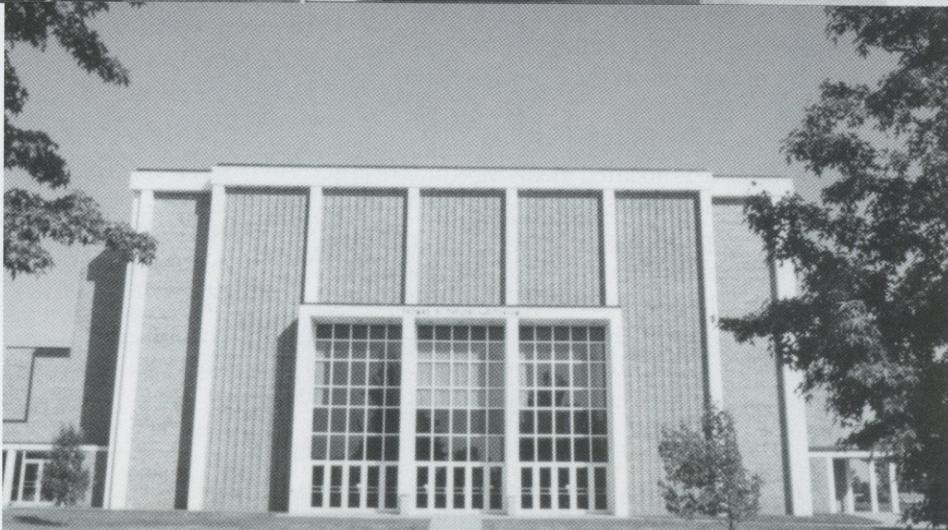
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*Photos by Michelle Conty*



**MSSC Band,  
Just for  
Freshmen  
And More. . .**



# To Park or Not to Park

*If you want to park (legally that is),  
then get to school early.*

by Carmi Vigneaux

It's 8:55 A.M. AND YOU ARE RUNNING LATE for your 9 o'clock physics class. As you drive recklessly into the parking lot, you notice that it is full. You quickly swing your car into a no parking zone and run off to class. After class you return to your vehicle to find a piece of paper looming under your windshield wiper. You pick it up only to realize that it is a ticket from campus security.

"I've gotten two or three tickets from parking illegally," said Lance Burnett, junior music education major. "If I am late, I just park wherever I can. It's only \$10. Some might say it's worth it."

Craig Richardson, Prevention Officer, has been with Missouri Southern campus security for seven years. Campus security offers a variety of services to students. They are able to air flat tires, jump start cars, and unlock doors. Services not available from security are rides off campus, gasoline for a vehicle, and tire changes.

"I love my job," he said. "We are here for the well being of the students," said Richardson.

"If your car breaks down, call and tell us. We'll try to help."

Another service added recently was an emergency phone. It is located near the tunnel running from the parking lot to the residence halls. The phone was installed for emergency purposes or help only.

"We have a low crime rate," said Richardson. "It is a relatively safe campus."

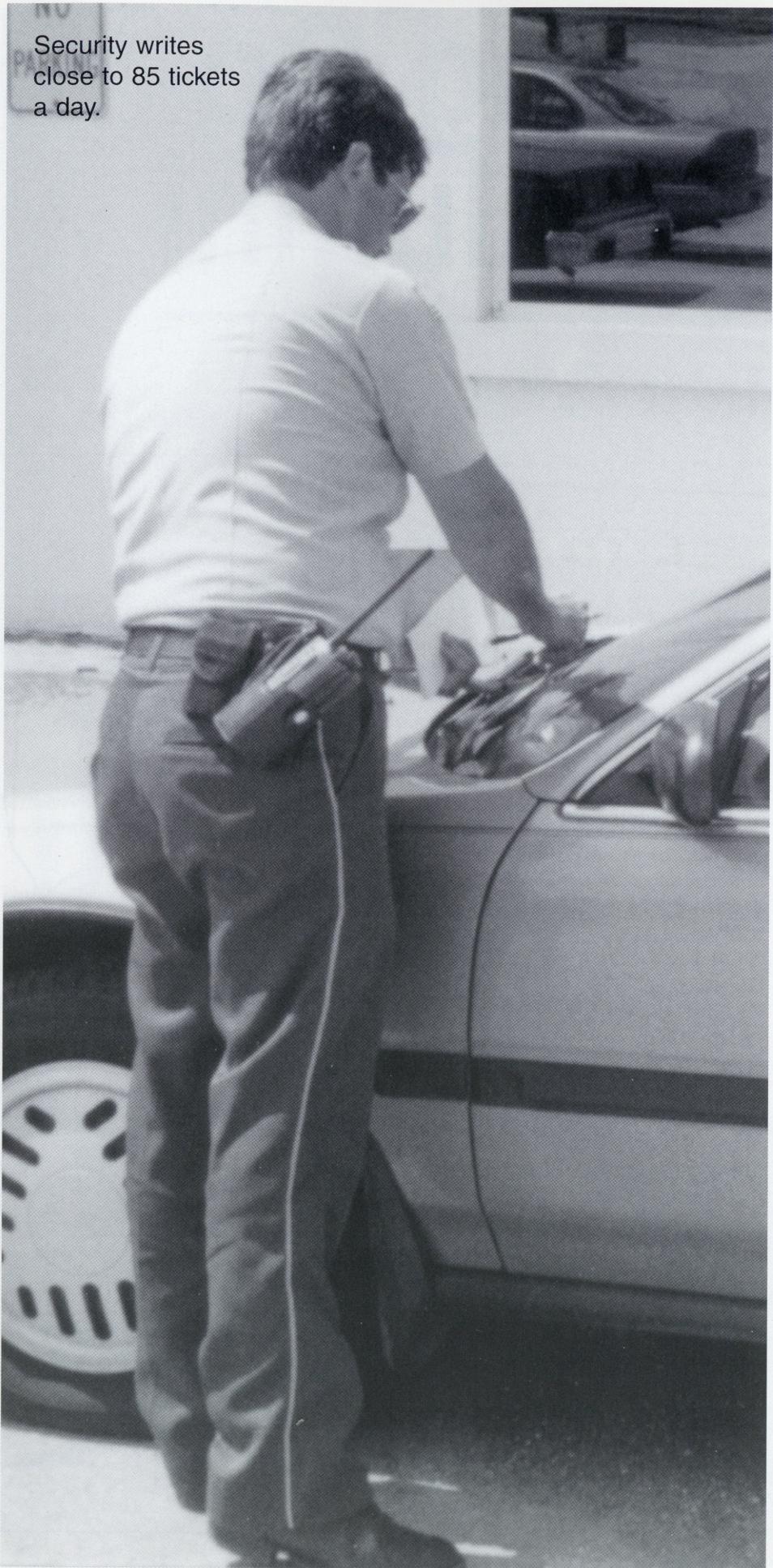
More phones are expected in the future. Possible locations for the emergency phones are the stadium, the gym, the oval, and the residence halls.

According to Richardson, there have been

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If you see one of these on the windshield of your car, you only have 48 hours to pay the fine, then it doubles.

Security writes  
close to 85 tickets  
a day.



COURTNEY HULSEY

many prank calls. He said the phones are for serious calls only.

"Leave the phones alone unless you have serious business to care of," said Richardson.

The security officers patrol the parking lots in order to maintain a safe campus. If they notice a car parked illegally, then they issue a ticket.

"On an average day, we give 80 - 85 tickets," he said. "That's the biggest problem we have - people parking wrong."

According to the security officers, there are plenty of parking spaces on campus. Not including the gravel lot south of the stadium, there are 3,645 parking places. The lot south of the stadium holds a couple of thousand cars, according to the officers.

Richardson's advice for parking in order to avoid violations is to stay out of fire lanes, no parking zones, and faculty/staff parking spaces.

"You've got to get here early. If you don't, be prepared to walk," said Richardson.

If you return to your car after classes to find a ticket on your windshield, it must be paid within 48 hours. If it is not taken care of within that time frame, the fine doubles. If the ticket is never paid, students cannot re-enroll and they will not receive their grades.

"I forgot to pay a ticket once and it doubled. Now, I always pay a ticket right away," said Burnett.

If a student does not agree with the reasoning for receiving a ticket, it can be appealed within 48 hours at the campus security building (located in the lower parking lot behind Matthews Hall) or at the business office (located on the second floor of Hearnes Hall). The hours of the security office are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I never get there early and I've never gotten a ticket, Todd Endicott, sophomore undeclared major said. "I guess I'm lucky."

Luck may not have much to do with whether or not you get a ticket. According to Richardson, it is easy to avoid getting a violation.

"Stay away from parking in yellow areas or fire lanes," he said. "Simply get here early." □

# Focusing On Future Alumni

*New Student organization designed to help pave the way for the students and Alumni of tomorrow.*

**by Rachel Deyo**

**A** NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION is joining the ranks at Missouri Southern.

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) has arrived and they have already designed some programs they hope students will find appealing.

"We want to be a service-oriented group, extremely visible and representative of the entire campus," said Cindy Cook, SAA president.

Cook, senior English major, proposed the organization to the Alumni Association as part of her internship with Lee Elliff Pound, Alumni Director.

Pound is very excited about the new organization.

"What better way to increase alumni growth than to start with current students," said Pound. "They are the future alumni."

Many colleges and universities have already developed similar organizations. Cook used them as examples as she formed her proposal.

The SAA at the University of Missouri at Columbia began a pro-

gram called 'Let Them Eat Cake'.

It allows for families of dorm students to send a special birthday cake and have it delivered to their rooms.

The SAA at Southern designed a program called 'Special Deliveries' that will not only include birthday cakes, but also Finals Relief and Homesick packages.

All three packages can be purchased by mail order and cost only \$10 each.

SAA members will be responsible for purchasing items, putting packages together and delivering them to the dorm students.

"Special Deliveries is our pilot program," said Pound. "We are hoping it will help to establish funding for the organization so the SAA can become a self-supportive group."

That key factor is one reason the Alumni Association agreed to give the SAA a grant for start up fees.

"The board was very positive," said Cook. "I believe it was because they knew the SAA would eventually be self-supportive. Once we get through the first year, we will start to see how things will take shape."

Cook consulted Pound for ideas about organizational committees and how to form the SAA.

"The goal this year is to acquire fifteen to twenty student leaders who will then help us to determine the needs of the student body and act as liaisons between the students and the Alumni Association," said Pound.

Cook said that marketing was going to be a key in determining the success of the SAA.

"The larger the group, the more we will be able to accomplish," said Cook.

□





New at Southern this year, Special Deliveries offers a chance for parents to send care-packages to students living in dorms. Although they can't promise the goodness of mom's homemade, fudge brownies, it is still a great value for a homesent message.

If you are looking for a Homesick Pack, here's what you might find:

**Post Cards**  
**Postage Stamps**  
**Pre-Paid Phone Card**  
**Hershey Kisses**

If you are in need of a Final's Relief Pack, this is probably what you'll find:

**Movie Gift Certificate**  
**Microwave Popcorn**  
**Candy Bar**  
**Crackers**  
**Coffee**  
**Aspirin**  
**Mints**

And if someone surprises you with a Birthday Pack, you'll most likely get:

**A Small Cake (enough to share)**  
**Hershey Kisses**  
**Mints**

All three packs come in special packaging and will be available only through the SAA (Student Alumni Association).

The cost of each pack is \$10.

The Alumni Association at Missouri Southern is now offering subscriptions to Southern publications that at one time were limited to campus.

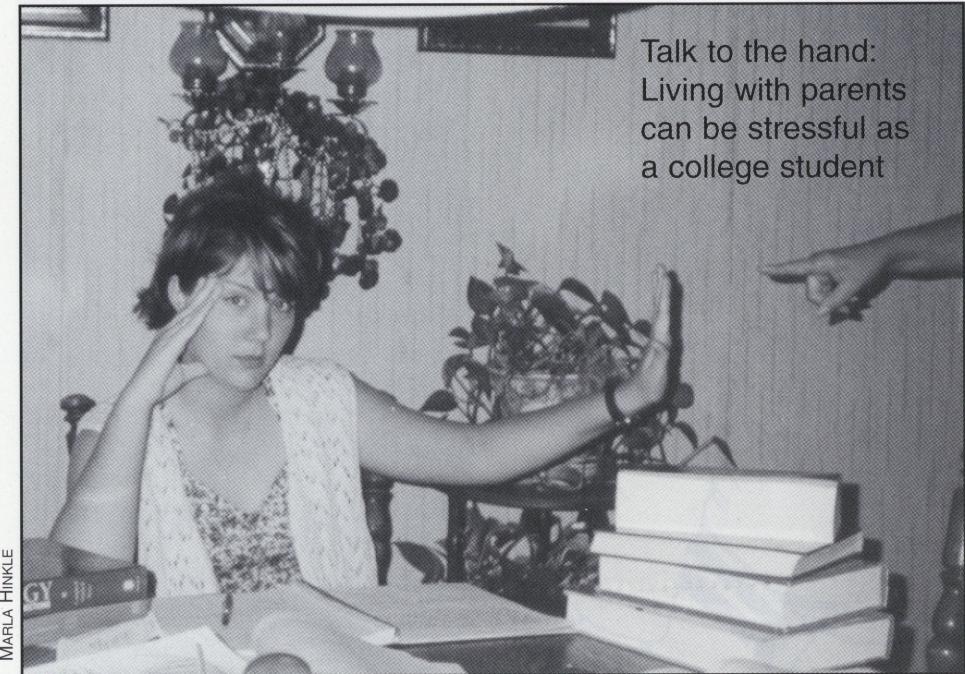
Along with business discounts and access to Southern services, Alumni may receive subscriptions to the *Winged Lion*, *The Chart* and *Crossroads: The Magazine*.

Alumni may purchase these subscriptions while paying their membership dues. The cost is as follows:  
*Winged Lion*.....\$3 for one issue

*The Chart*.....\$15 for 24 issues

*Crossroads: The Magazine*.....\$15 for 5 issues

# Life As A Missouri Southern Student



MARLA HINKLE

*Making the transition from high school to college requires added responsibility.*

**by Marla Hinkle**

**T**HE SOUND OF AN ALARM goes off, rudely awakening you from sleep. Do you (a) reach over and punch it off, (b) get up and prepare for the day ahead, or (c) roll over and go back to sleep?

If you choose (a) or (b), you are probably a dorm dweller, if (c) was your choice, chances are you are a com-

muter. What are the big differences besides driving to campus versus already being there? There are tons of differences that distinguish the student staying at home from the student living on campus.

Responsibility is one of the main factors in the life of any first-time college student, regardless of location. Taking charge of the direction that one's scheduling of classes and knowing which to choose according to a major is something that commuting and dorm students share alike. Taking charge of physically moving your body to class is one of the major challenges of attending college.

Picture a day that is rainy and overcast. You have been out partying and do not get to bed until 2:00 a.m. and your first class is at 8:00 a.m. Dorm students and commuters alike will dread going to class and consider

Talk to the hand:  
Living with parents  
can be stressful as  
a college student

rolling over and going back to sleep.

One of the major responsibility differences here is the student at home may have parents to prod and pry them out of bed, while on-campus students do not have anyone looking over their shoulder. Freedom of life without parents results in the fact that the choices made, whether good or bad, will reflect solely on student's with no one else to blame.

Of course, there are disadvantages to living at home. Parents may be there to motivate, but they are also there to parole any activities that do not involve academics. Loss of privacy and a limited social life are some of the consequences of living at home.

"Students living on campus tend to become more involved, specifically first-year students to whom the college experience may seem overwhelming," said Deb Gipson, Coordinator of Student Housing and the Student life Center. "Based on my own personal experience as a commuting student, I remember hardly knowing anyone. An important part of the college experience is missed when living at home. Living on campus teaches you to cooperate with others around you, communicate with roommates, and stand up for yourself."

Cost differences vary widely in commuting students, but living at home instead of paying for meals and housing is a major money saver. The current cost of Southern's dorms are \$515.00 for the Summer term and Fall costs are \$1620.00 for a traditional style dorm, which allows two people to a room, and less extras than the apartment style. The apartment style dorms are usually reserved for upper-classmen, and allow four people to a room and include two beds, self-con-

tained showers, kitchenettes, large closet space, personal computers, cable TV, and just about every furnishing needed to provide a comfortable home-like atmosphere.

Another bonus of living on campus is the Student Life Center here at Southern. The center offers a state of the art exercise/weight training area with a variety of weight endurance and cardiovascular fitness equipment, an aerobics room with exercise videos provided by the center. Students also find a movie-theatre style TV lounge, with a selection of videos provided by the center, CD player, ping pong tables, pool tables, air hockey, a modern laundry room, snack/lounge area, game room with arcade, and a computer room, all of which is located in the center. Dance classes in Country/Western, Ballroom, and African Style classes are taught in the

aerobics room.

This is a definite bonus for all dorm students, but commuting students should not feel left out.

All Southern students have access to the center. However, the student living at home has the luxury of getting away from the school atmosphere.

He or she can stretch out on the couch with complete access to the remote control (no sharing with roommates).

Activities on campus are available to all students; however, they are more accessible to dorm students.

Some student activities available are *Crossroads: The Magazine*; *The Chart*, college newspaper; *The Winged Lion*, literary arts magazine and a wide variety of sports, including soccer, tennis, volleyball, football, baseball, softball, and basketball. All students can take part in these activities, but residence

hall students have the advantage of being located within close proximity of the campus, while commuters may struggle to drive back and forth to meet various requirements of the organizations in which they are members.

It takes an extra effort to get to know people and feel more involved if you are a commuter, so rushing directly home after classes are over is not the best way to widen your social circle. Commuting students should take the time to explore the campus and find an activity that interests them, such as joining a club, or just hanging around the student union.

Your college years should be some of the best of your life because of the new direction your life is taking, exploring who you are and what direction you want to go. Whether you are a dorm dweller, or commuter, try to enjoy and explore your college experience. □



# Campus Organizations Grab Students' Attention

*Students struggle to juggle campus activities and academic life.*

by Scott McCord

When a student goes to college their lives become very hectic. There are many late nights spent studying and doing homework, classes during the day, and for some, even jobs. For some students all these factors are multiplied by participating in student organizations.

Several students at Southern are very active in organizations. There are over sixty organizations on campus, including honors, departmental, religious, special interest and student activities groups. With so many students participating in these organizations, how do they find time to accomplish all their tasks included in a day?

"Sometimes it's tough to handle it all, but I manage to squeeze it in," said Gary Crites, President of the College Republicans at Southern.

"Although, I do get stressed out a lot," he said.

Crites is a political science major and is currently enrolled in 15 semester hours. He also averages between 30-35 hours a week working at K-mart and Spiva Library.

"I have fun doing it [College Republicans]," said Crites.

The College Republicans has two main roles. They assist republicans during election years in the general elections by posting signs. During non-election years, they focus on

campus activities, such as hosting pizza parties, and hosting political guest speakers at their meetings. Crites spends an average of 5-10 hours during a normal week working with the College Republicans. However, when they have an activity planned, Crites spends between 15-20 hours a week working with them.

"The College Republicans is a good experience for me," said Crites. "I plan to go to law school. I'd also like to manage campaigns, so the College Republicans can really help me out."

There are several advantages to

Sometimes it's tough  
to handle it all. . .

—Gary Crites—

getting involved in organizations.

"There's a real benefit to joining organizations," said Jennifer Daniels, a senior accounting major. "Several organizations deal with community businesses that can help you get your foot in the door. It's also good for teacher-student relationships as well as other relations with students."

Daniels is the Resource Center Officer for the Accounting Club and takes care of the accounting lab. She plans to be an accountant after graduating. Daniels is currently enrolled in 16 semester hours and works on a call-in basis for United Missouri Bank. She is also taking the CPA review, a class that meets for eight hours every

Saturday.

"The CPA review recommends 20 hours work outside of class, so that alone keeps me busy," said Daniels. "I make up time budgets. I will usually write down a day to week in advance what I have to do and plan a schedule."

As if that's not enough, Daniels is also the treasurer of the Student Alumni Association. The SAA is a new organization on the Southern campus.

"The students are the lifeblood of the organization," said Lee Pound, Alumni Director and adviser to SAA. "They are the liaisons between the student body and the alumni."

SAA will be delivering "Special Delivery" packets for occasions such as birthdays and finals. SAA also sponsors such events as Legacy Day, tailgate contests, and homecoming.

"I really like being involved with Southern," said Daniels. "Being involved in SAA gives me the opportunity to carry on activities after I graduate."

Scott Meeker is also a member of SAA and serves as president of the Campus Activities Board. Meeker is a junior English major. He is currently enrolled in 12 semester hours and works 20 hours a week at the Alumni Association office. Meeker spends 5-6 hours a week working on CAB, which plans events for the campus.

"Any kind of entertainment is taken care of by us [CAB]," said Meeker.

Last year CAB brought comedian George Carlin to the MSSC campus. Meeker sees that all the CAB committees are organized.

"It's tough. There's really late nights and early mornings, but I think it's worth it," said Meeker. "More people should become involved in organizations. There's more to college than what you learn in class."

# Why Is Involvement In A Campus Organization So Important

AMBER IRWIN, JUNIOR, TREASURER-ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA:  
IRWIN BELIEVES IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS IS EMPHASIZED THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN HER ORGANIZATION.

"IT MAKES YOU A 'WELL-ROUNDED' INDIVIDUAL BY FOCUSING ON FOUR AIMS: SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL," SAID IRWIN.

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA SORORITY MEETS ON SUNDAYS.  
ADVISER MELISSA ZENON

MARCY WARD, SENIOR, CHEERLEADING CAPTAIN:  
WARD SAID THAT BEING INVOLVED IN A CAMPUS ORGANIZATION IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE AND FEEL A PART OF SOUTHERN.

"CHEERLEADING IS A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL AND FEEL PART OF A TEAM, IT IS ALSO EXCITING AND REWARDING," SAID WARD.

TRYOUTS ARE HELD EACH SPRING IN THE EVENT OF VACANCIES.  
ADVISER CINDY WOLFE

HEATHER REEVES AND CHARLIE WILSON, SENIORS,  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
BOTH REEVES AND WILSON FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO SHARE IDEAS WITH THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS AS WELL AS RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT.

"THE ENVIRONMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HUMAN SURVIVAL AND IT IS THE CENTRAL SUBJECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MAJORS," SAID REEVES AND WILSON.

ADVISER DR. WAYNE ADAMS

AILEEN GRONEWOLD, SENIOR, PRESIDENT-SIGMA TAU DELTA  
GRONEWOLD SAID THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE SHE EXPERIENCED HAS

BEEN THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS FEATURING WELL-KNOWN WRITERS AND POETS, WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT EXHIBITIONS.

"SIGMA TAU DELTA IS AN ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY AND MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF LITERARY ACTIVITIES," SAID GRONEWOLD.

SIGMA TAU DELTA MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

ADVISER DR. DORIS WALTERS

ANGELA NICHOLS, SENIOR, VICE-PRESIDENT (QUEEN)-MEDIEVAL CLUB

AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDIEVAL CLUB, NICHOLS ENJOYS THE OPPORTUNITY TO 'TAKE HER KNOWLEDGE TO LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR LIVING HISTORY'.

"IT'S FUN, WHAT A GREAT WAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HISTORY-JOUTSES, FEASTS, COSTUMES AND MUSIC!" SAID NICHOLS.

ADVISER DR. WILLIAM TANNENBAUM

TIFFANY CRYWOOD AND GENESIS WILSON, SENIORS, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-ART LEAGUE

CRYWOOD AND WILSON ENJOY THEIR OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT GALLERIES, ART OPENINGS, AND DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS 'IN CONJUNCTION OF' THE APPRECIATION OF ART.

"THIS GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS ON CAMPUS THAT ENJOY AND REFLECT IN THE APPRECIATION OF ART, NOT JUST ART MAJORS, AND WE TAKE MANY TRIPS TO MUSEUMS IN THE U.S.," SAID CRYWOOD AND WILSON.

THE ART LEAGUE MEETS TUESDAYS AT NOON IN SPIVA GALLERY.  
ADVISER VAL CHRISTENSEN



# *Lending a* **HELPING** *Hand*

“ODK connects leadership and service.”

—Dr. Elaine Freeman—

Omicron  
Delta  
Kappa

**by Debra Schow**

THEY HAVE BEEN USHERS FOR numerous Missouri Southern events, served meals at The Salvation Army and have been a campus entity for the last ten years. Who are these individuals? The students and faculty members of The Golden Crest; Omicron Delta Kappa Society (ODK).

“ODK connects leadership and service,” said Dr. Elaine Freeman, ODK Faculty Secretary. “In 1986 we began the chapter as The Golden Crest Society. In 1987 we petitioned for the ODK recognition. After filling out loads of paperwork and getting inspected (verified) by a personal visit from the current National President of ODK, we became the Golden Crest Omicron Delta Kappa Society in April of 1987.”

Over the last decade the chapter has grown in members, starting with a mere handful and now consisting of an estimated 45 members.

“There are four ways to become a member of ODK,” Dr. Freeman said. “One could become a student member, having

undergraduate status, a faculty member, holding a faculty position at Southern, an alumni member, those who were student members but now are graduates of the chapter can award an individual an Honorus Causa membership meaning an honorary member."

The process of attaining student and faculty membership is quite extensive. First one must be nominated by either a current member or faculty member of Southern. These nominees are then sent letters of their current nomination. They are asked to fill out a nominee form consisting of leadership activities and involvement in various areas of campus, community and personal service.

After arrival of forms from those accepting the nomination, a committee headed by the ODK Vice President, is then formed to make recommendations to the Society. Once the committee makes its recommendations the Society then votes on who they think are deserving of membership.

The Society then publicly taps its choices by presenting these honored individuals with a letter announcing their selection in a class or peer setting. This process draws attention to the individual being selected as well as to the Society itself.

Since each member of ODK is selected for their involvement and leadership skills in other organizations and community activities, the hardest objective for the Society is to find a time where everyone is available to attend meetings.

To help with this dilemma, the meeting time was changed and ways have been developed for members to earn their required three service points required to graduate with ODK tassels. ODK is the only campus organization allowed this honor at graduation.

"Last semester we took a whole week to do service projects," Ross said. "We set up times to serve meals at the Salvation Army and ushered the Langston Hughes celebration in March. This way those who are not available for meetings or service projects have a chance to obtain their remaining service points."

ODK is a very active and selective organization at Southern. The Society members excel in leadership and servitude in campus and community affairs. Becoming an ODK member is an honor that will last a lifetime. □

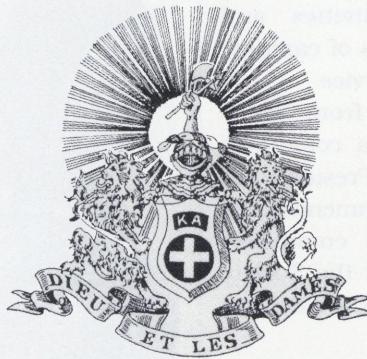


JOHN SMITH

# Greek Organizations: Not Just a Social Club



AΣΑ



*Scott McCord takes a look at how Greek organizations are getting away from the “party” mentality with which they are stereotyped.*

**T**HERE HAS BEEN A GROWING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE toward the Greek college organizations around the nation. The idea that fraternities and sororities have nothing better to do than party is shared by the general public as well as college students, according to Jason McGuire, a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity.

This idea has most likely stemmed from several incidents involving alcohol and hazing reported from other institutions. However, the public has a common misconception, according to McGuire.

“Most people think you join a fraternity just to party and socialize, but it really helps improve your leadership and scholarship skills,” said McGuire.

The four Greek organizations at Southern are involved in several activities on and off campus. All the Greek organizations work closely with the Ronald McDonald House and participate in the Kids’ Safe night on Halloween.

Sigma Pi has also helped with the Multiple Sclerosis walk and the Special Olympics.

“We mainly help by providing manpower or anything else that we can do to help,” said McGuire.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity also works with the Special Olympics as well as assisting with the Children’s Miracle Network.

“We either raise money, help with the manpower, or work

on the phones with the Children’s Miracle Network,” said Kappa Alpha Vice President, Don Greenlee. “We also sponsor a basketball tournament to raise money for the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).”

Alpha Sigma Alpha, one of the two sororities on campus, works at the concession stand during football games to raise money for the S. June Smith Center. The center cares for children with physical and mental disabilities.

“We also work with the MS walk, but our primary focuses are the Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center,” said Melanie Spalding, an Alpha Sigma Alpha member.

Zeta Tau Alpha, the other sorority, usually holds one fundraiser each semester. Zeta Tau Alpha will sell cookie dough this semester. All proceeds will go directly to the Susan G. Kolman Breast Cancer Foundation. Last spring, members of Zeta Tau Alpha helped with the MDA walk-a-thon.

The Southern Greek organizations are active here on campus as well. All Greek organizations participate in Greek Week, an event where the Greek organizations sponsor different activities on campus. However, only the Greeks participate.

The Kappa Alphas help run clean-ups on campus and carry on the tradition of running the gameball from Joplin to Pittsburg, Kansas for the MSSC - PSU football game. Donations are made for the fifty-mile run and are given to

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**1 Corinthians 1:30**

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# Distance Learning

*Instructional videos and television broadcasts educate can those who do not come to Southern's campus.*

**W**HEN YOU THINK about Distance Learning, images of studying abroad may come to mind, or simply getting an education from places across the United States. A basic definition given in the Missouri Southern catalog defines distance learning as the college education program that offers courses off the main campus that include customized training provided at business or industrial sites, video tape correspondence courses, and classes offered through the college television broadcast station, KGCS-LP, and microwave system.

The continuing education program offers off-campus-extension, which is regular college curriculum classes and off-campus-credit, which is college credit for students that are enrolled as "temporary students". Off-campus-non-credit classes are taken for purely entertainment purposes, such as dance classes. Return to Learn and 60 Plus involves adult students who have responsibilities such as families to support.

When asked about the success of distance learning, Dr. Jerry Williams, Assistant Professor of Continuing

Education, said the program worked just as well if not better in comparison to regular on-campus classes.

"The age difference and maturity level of students enrolled in these classes may factor into their success rate," said Williams.

Distance Learning is currently available by cable systems in Monett, Cassville, Lamar, Pierce City Verona,

which is limited to a 50-mile radius that connects with the Vo-tech in Lamar and Monett, and Missouri Southern also feeds into the surrounding cable companies, Cablecom, and Cable one.

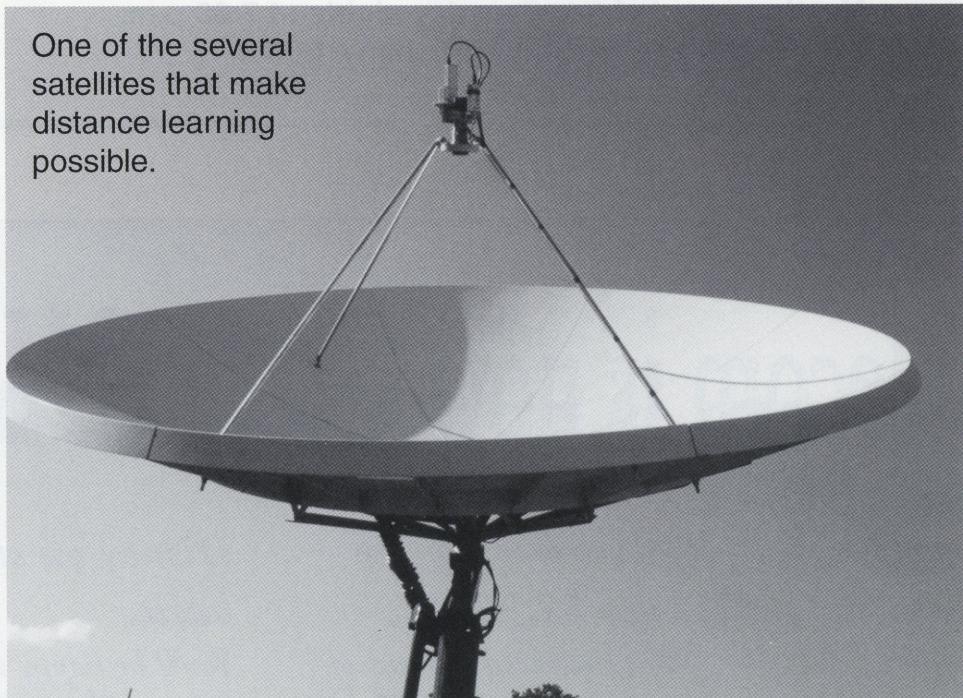
"My primary responsibility is full-credit college courses," said McAdams. "Students that have cable can take the courses from their own home."

St. John's Regional Hospital also has a connection with Southern as well, and the continuing education department hopes to release the technology to a point where the technology department will be able to supply two-way video and audio communication to all of the surrounding high schools in the area for dual-credit classes.

The limitations of instructional television include one way video in which the student can see the instructor, but the instructor cannot see the student. This hinders the teaching process by the teacher not being able to pick up on the students visual cues that could alert instructors as to whether or not students are understanding the concepts being taught.

When asked about the methods of testing, ensuring students actually attend the sessions and watch the

One of the several satellites that make distance learning possible.



Aurora, Neosho, and two cable systems that broadcast in Joplin, KOZK/KOZJ.

Dr. Wendell McAdams, Technical Program Specialist explained some of the technical workings and methods of evaluation for students enrolled in distance learning courses. Most are enrolled in ITFS (Instructional Television Fixed Site) classes. These courses use microwave transmission,

videos, Dr. McAdams mentioned a variety of methods.

The student receives a card, and each session a broadcast message code is displayed at various times during the broadcast.

For example, the code could appear the first five minutes, or the last 10.

The code word is then written down on the card and turned in to verify that the person was there for the class.

Tests are faxed to test monitors, and then picked up by students either in the continuing education office or Vo-tech building.

The electronic classrooms currently at Missouri Southern are "hard-wired" with the University of Missouri in Kansas City by fiber optics and two-way video conferencing.

"My opinion of the program is that it works well for students, but we need to keep our technological utilities updat-

ed," said McAdams.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Erik Bitterbaum is enthusiastic about the concepts of the program, and has plans to expand this Fall. Southern is offering eight different classes in the distance learning programs in the Fall, and hopes to add more internet courses.

The state of Missouri has also become active in Distance Learning. Southern has received a small grant and has a pending grant with the Department of Commerce.

"If this grant is passed, it would be what we really need to make this a full-blown program," said Bitterbaum.

The distance learning program hopes to offer courses to Joplin High School, Webb City, and Carl Junction schools by using a combination of microwave and cable.

Dr. Bitterbaum said that when peo-

ple talk about distance education, one automatically thinks about college credit, but there are other things included under a "large conceptual umbrella of ideas", such as seminars and workshops.

"I view our role as helping people work towards their associates degree, some of which they may be able to do at home," he said. "We hope to actually begin this Fall offering an associates degree in general studies with Distance Learning courses, the future is very exciting!"

The current internet classes offered at MSSC are; for Summer, Technical Illustration and for the Fall, Micro computer Applications. With our growing population, the United States will be under more stress to provide education to everyone, therefore, the internet is the perfect type of communication for the future of education. □

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# It's All About The Number of Saved Souls

*Dawn Craig takes an inside look at the real purpose of Missouri Southern campus ministries.*

**C**ENTURIES AGO, A MAN concerned with people's welfare, preached a message of faith, hoping to uplift humanity and encourage them in traveling the road of truth.

In today's society, there are groups trying to make sure this knowledge is not lost and preventing people from giving in to the ways of the world. However, some believe these organizations have forgotten what it really means to be a Christian and mainly concentrate on increasing the number of people, rather than helping others come to Christ or learn more about God.

Is this activity occurring on Missouri Southern's campus? Currently, there are eight religious groups, five were chosen at random, such as the Baptist Student Union, the Wesley Foundation, Koinonia, Catholic Campus Ministry (formerly the Newman Club), and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The BSU Center is located behind the residence halls next to Fastrip on Duquesne Road. Their hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday) and 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (Fridays). The "Joy Explosion" Bible study is held at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. Lunch Encounters, a free lunch with guest speakers are held 12:00-12:50 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Baptist Student Union is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, but is open to all students, regardless of faith or denomination.

Victor Boll, director of BSU, said the primary focus of the Baptist Student

Union is evangelism.

"Our ministry is concerned with the students getting to know Christ as their Lord and Savior," said Boll. "We want to encourage those students who already know Christ as their Savior, so that they will grow in their walk, because the world wants to come in and bring them down."

According to Boll, the Baptist Student Union is a student-led min-

Encounters," said Harpo.

The Wesley Foundation building is at 4715 Newman Road. Their mid-week service is held on Wednesdays, usually including praise and worship, devotional time, and prayer at 9 p.m. At 5 p.m. on Sundays, the students meet to play volleyball and at 6 p.m. The students use food provided by the foundation to cook dinner. Each student donates \$2 to cover the cost of the food.

The Wesley Foundation consists of seven staff members. There are three peer ministers and four resident ministers. This foundation is sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Monica Howard is the director.

"The Wesley Foundation's main focus is definitely not on the number of people who attend, but when people do come, they are happy and excited," said Shelia Cross, Student Residential Minister.

Koinonia, the Greek word for "fellowship," holds their main meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, at College Heights Christian Church (1/4 mile east on Newman Road past Duquesne). Throughout the week, different students hold their own Bible studies on and off campus. From 11 a.m. -1 p.m. on Thursdays in the basement of Steggie Hall (Apartment B), there is a free lunch provided by local churches. There the students can find out more about the organization and have a homestyle meal in a non-threatening environment.

The head minister of Koinonia is Dave Weaver. He said he doesn't believe the group is most concerned with

...Socializing is a  
big part of our  
group...

—Bethany Lawson—

istry, so he isn't trying to run everything, it's the students who are actively doing the ministry.

Marinda Harpo, senior sociology major at Southern, said that the BSU doesn't center their ministry around increasing the number of people who attend.

"One time last year, there was hardly anyone here, yet we went ahead and had the meetings and the Lunch

increasing student attendance.

"I think it is something we are looking at, but it isn't more important than providing a Christian atmosphere for the students, to grow in their faith and have Christian fellowship with each other," said Weaver.

The group focus is to have a balance between Bible study, fellowship activities, and prayer time. This semester, the students will be studying the first book of Corinthians. They study a different book from the Bible each semester and attempt to figure out what the author meant. Once the students grasp the meaning and the interpretation, then it's possible to determine how it can apply to their daily lives.

Bethany Lawson, a student at Southern has been involved with Koinonia for three years and agrees with Weaver that Koinonia serves several purposes. These include fellow-

ship, Bible study, and prayer.

"The group is a big support group. We just work with each other," said Lawson. "Socializing is a big part of our group. Socializing with each other and God, and being social with our community."

Lawson has helped with numerous programs since she began participating in Koinonia, such as the Boys and Girls Club, Hospital Ministry, Prison Ministry, and travels to Mexico for Missions.

"People in Mexico have much less than we do [material things], but have a high dependence on God," she said.

Spencer Beck, graduate from Southern, said his experiences with Koinonia helped enrich his life while he was attending college.

"Koinonia has helped me find direction in my life and handle situations better by relying on God," said Beck.

"Koinonia is a foundation for the

students," he said. "It reveals many aspects of God. Even though we may lose a few participants now and then, they will remember their experiences with Koinonia and all these experiences added together with Koinonia, then they'll find God."

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets on two different nights. On Thursdays, students who may or may not be athletes assemble on-campus, while on Tuesdays, students who are more interested in developing their personal walk and want to study the Bible in-depth, meet at Cindy Wolfe's house. Wolfe is one of the swimming instructors and assists with other athletic programs at Southern. "FCA doesn't focus on

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# And The Band Plays On

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*The MSSC Band  
will keep you  
entertained while  
you are in the  
stands of Fred G.  
Hughes Stadium.  
By Scott McCord*



**A**s MR. BOB MEEKS sits alone in the stands of the football stadium, smiling and listening to the music, it is evident he enjoys his job. Meeks studies the band at practice, not saying much while they are playing. He gives a few pointers here and there when he feels it's necessary. The band seems to know each song perfectly. Meeks, along with Dr. Phil Wise, is the director of the MSSC Lion Pride Marching Band.

The Band began practicing together on the first day of classes. It was also the first time some of them had even met each other. However, that doesn't show when they play.

"We have well-trained students in our band," said Meeks. "We don't even have a pre-school rehearsal."

Although some of the band members will have known each other for such a short time before their first performance, spectators would not know. Just a few minutes inside the

band room and it's obvious that everybody appreciates each other and has fun.

"There's a large cooperative spirit which takes away a lot of the drudgery," said Meeks. "They really have fun."

Meeks shows a great respect for the students. The students show a great respect for Meeks in return. Everybody seems very cooperative and helpful during practice. Meeks even took time out of practice so the band could say "Happy Birthday" to one of the band members. Meeks also makes a point of thanking the band members for their cooperation and hard work. Although the band knows how to have fun, they also work very hard and appear very organized.

One reason the band looks so organized is Elizabeth Rogers.

Rogers is a fifth-year drum major. She does most of the directing during practice. Rogers also has a number of other responsibilities.

"I have to learn all the music and

the different parts so I know what's going on. I also have to know when each section plays and for how long."

Rogers is also impressed with the band this year.

"This is one of the biggest bands we've had. Each year the band has a different personality and this year it's great."

The band has a full schedule this year. They will travel to high schools to play, march in three parades, and perform field shows at five home football games.

Performing field shows is just one way the band shows its experience.

"It depends on the complexity of the show, but with this band, it's not that hard to do field shows because they're so well-trained," said Meeks. "We have kids in the band who want to play, not have to."

The band strives to reach perfection, according to freshman drummer Mike Williams.

"The hardest thing is trying to attain perfection and making it look easy," said Williams. "We underestimate our memory. Our routines become subconscious after we practice and practice."

Not only does the band have to work hard to memorize their field show, they have to learn a new show every football game. "We have a new show and new music for every game," said Rogers. "We have to drill until it's memorized and then drill some more. Our practices are intense, but we get the job done."

Another result of the band's hard work is the amount of fun they have. "The band is very spirited because of hard work on their part," said Rogers.

Spirit is the heart of a band. Who could imagine a college football game without a band to "pep-up" the crowd? Who would play the fight song?

Expect to be entertained when watching the band at the MSSC home football games. Expect to witness wild and crazy acts while the band shows their support for the Lions football team.

Expect them to sing "Missouri Southern - Go Lions, Go" during the "Hey" song. And expect to have fun while watching the MSSC Lion Pride Marching Band. □

# Legacy Day, Tailgate Zone Among Top Alumni Association Activities

by Rachel Deyo

## Legacy Day

On September 13, the Alumni Association hosted the first annual Legacy Day, coinciding with parents' day here at Southern.

A legacy is a child whose relatives have attended or are currently attending Southern.

This year, the children's activities were limited to boys and girls between the ages of 10-14.

Activities for the day included classes of interest for children. They had the opportunity to choose classes like Surfing the Net, Video Shooting Range, Theatrical Make-up Design and Studying Bones.

Adults also found themselves in the classroom taking classes in Stress Management, How to Invest your Money, and The World of Birds.

The most popular classes were Video Shooting Range and Stress Management.

Other activities for the day included a tour of Southern's campus, a scavenger hunt, and a tailgate party with free food. Legacies and parents ended the day by attending Southern's football game versus Northeastern State.

Hopefully, Legacies came away with not only free t-shirts, but an increased interest in Southern as well.

## Reunions

The Alumni Association is planning a fun-filled weekend for the classes of '67, '47 and linked years.

The reunions will coincide with Homecoming festivities, October 31

and November 1.

Activities will include participation in the homecoming parade and a festive brunch with Alumni and Student Alumni.

Southern Alumni from '47 and '67 will also attend a dinner in honor of their designated class and the Homecoming football game.

Other activities are still in planning stages.

## Alumni Boosts SAA

The Alumni Association is very excited about their assistance in the creation of the Student Alumni Association.

The SAA will be featured as a sister program to the Alumni Association but will have its own campus activities and provide services to current students.

The Alumni Association and SAA will work together on projects like Legacy Day and Homecoming celebrations.

## Tailgate Zone

Southern football fans have a new place to gather before and after games thanks to the Alumni Association.

The "Tailgate Zone" will be featured at most home games.

On Sept. 27 during the Miners Bowl (Southern versus Pittsburg State) game, the "Tailgate Zone" hosted a car-decorating contest for students, alumni, and all fans attending the game. Gift certificates to Smitty's supermarkets were awarded to the most creative display of Southern Pride.

Board members from the Alumni Association and SAA served as judges for the contest. □

"Southern Celebrates 60"

**Monday Oct. 27**

10:00-1:00p

CAB Manic Monday

**Weds. Oct. 29**

11:00-1:00p

Food Show sponsored by Ameriserve, BSC 2nd floor

**Thurs. Oct. 30**

6:30p

Talent Show, Webster Aud

**8:30p**

Bonfire/Yell Contest, ECM Lot. \$100

**Fri. Oct 31**

**10:45-1:30**

All-campus picnic

**12:00p**

Pep Rally

Introduction of senior football players

Announcement of royalty

**Sat. Nov. 1**

**10:30a**

Alumni Brunch

**11:30a**

Parade entries line up

**12:30p**

Parade- on campus and Duquesne Road

**2:00p**

Pre-Game announcements

**2:30p**

MSSC Lions v. Rolla Miners

**8:00p**

Dance @ Holiday Inn

the MDA. The Kappa Alphas also sponsor the alumni homecoming tailgate party.

Greek organizations make great contributions to the community as well as on campus, but that's not the sole aspect of Greek life.

Perhaps the most infamous and familiar part of Greek organizations is their social events.

Although the Greeks hold various social "get-togethers", they do have guidelines for their events.

"We follow certain rules set by FIPG (Fraternity Insurance Protection Group)," said Gil Henson, a member of Sigma Pi. "It's [the policy] basically bring your own alcohol, as long as you're twenty-one or over. However, we control the alcohol so they don't leave the social function with it."

Zeta Tau Alpha doesn't even allow alcohol at their gatherings, according to Beth Cook, Zeta Tau Alpha secretary.

"We're really strict on our drinking policies. If we are even wearing our organizational pins, we aren't supposed to drink," she said.

Sigma Pi is even trying to become more involved in "dry" activities, according to Henson.

"We're planning a seminar with members of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and officials from the Joplin Police Department to discuss the effects and problems with drunk driving," he said.

Another important aspect of Greek organizations is the bond, or sense of belonging each member feels.

"When I came to MSSC, I didn't know many people and joining Zeta Tau Alpha was a way for me to get involved and meet new people," said Cook.

Greek organizations also help individuals function effectively in a group situation.

"I joined Alpha Sig Alpha because I liked what they stood for and the group of people in the organization," said Holly Spencer. "Learning to work in a group is really important."

Another goal, and perhaps one of the most important, is to make people aware of the true meaning behind Greek life.

"We do a lot of community service and I hope people will look at that in a positive way," said April Bunch, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha. "It has been a very positive aspect of my life. I'm really glad I'm a member and I hope we can change the way people think by working in the community and on campus."

Students who join Greek organizations also have their careers in mind.

Greek life can help boost students' careers in the future.

"A fraternity builds character. It shows you how to be a leader and gives you that same opportunity in your career. It allows you to meet new people," said Henson.

"Society is so diverse, you have to get along with many different types of people. A fraternity helps you do just that." □

numbers," said Wolfe.

"Our main goal is to reach out to as many with Christ as possible."

Christy Mizell, junior pre-med major, is one of the members who isn't an athlete. She said when she first heard about the organization, she thought only athletes could join. Mizell shared how she lost her father two years ago and coming from Kansas City, most of her friends weren't regular church-goers.

"FCA helps me learn and turn to God more," said Mizell.

"The group reaches out to the Joplin and Webb City schools through activities like the Night of Champions and Gladiator Night."

During the Night of Champions, there is free food and several other incentives for the first 100 or 200 people who show up to the football game, played by the Lions football team. Gladiator Night is an event where FCA members act like American Gladiators to face area high school students in a game of Breakthrough and Conquer and Powerball.

The Catholic Campus Ministry (formerly the Newman Club), is led by Chaplain Father Rick Jones from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Webb City. Their meetings are held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, located on 8th and Pearl St.

At 5 p.m. on Sundays, students and faculty meet to discuss issues that relate to faith and life as Catholics. An hour later, they attend mass, which is a Catholic prayer service. After mass, students have a social time at local restaurants.

Angela Streeter, member of the organization, said the membership is small right now, but they want to get it up to be able to do more for the community.

"We need more members. Not as many people know about this organization, so as a result, not as many people have been reached," said Streeter.

"Our main goal is for this group is to improve the students spiritually as well as academically," she said.

Toney Tessman, another member of the Catholic Ministry, said the group lets the students know that the organization exists and gives them information about the Catholic Church.

"The students and faculty members don't have to be Catholic in order to take part in the ministry," said Tessman. "We are not out to convert others to Catholicism and aren't concerned with numbers. We just want as many to come as possible."

If these organizations are truly basing their outreach on the teachings of Christ and helping people know who God is, then they will accomplish what he intended.

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness," from Matthew 9:35. □

# A Freshman's PRAYER

By Tracey Ramsey

Give me strength when every adult I see tells me what they think I should be doing with my life. Make me humble around upperclassmen so I won't have to meet you too soon. Give me sympathetic teachers- preferably ones who give a lot of grades instead of just a couple. Help me get the rented textbooks that have answers written in the margins. Please take away my claustrophobia so I can live in the dorms. Make my parents generous so they will send me lots of food and money. Please let my homework be easy. Please let the food be better here than it was in high school. Thank you for not making me use a locker anymore! Please let this winter be warm so I won't freeze to death on the way to class.

I have to say- I have no idea what to expect. I keep hearing horror stories about teachers and grades- and I'm a little scared. In high school I knew where to go, what to do, how everything was supposed to go, and I always knew what to say. I'll probably be wandering aimlessly from class to class, showing up at the wrong place, being at the right place at the wrong time, and I'll probably say stupid things every time I open my mouth.

Please go easy on me. Please help me keep my sanity. Oh- and I need to learn how to do laundry, so if you could help me there, that'd be great.

I just have one last request, but this is the most important... please let everyone like my stories in Crossroads this year.

Amen.

# Helping You Avoid Homesickness

by Jen Rabold

**N**O MATTER IF YOU ARE FIFTEEN MILES OR 1500 MILES FROM HOME, anyone can experience homesickness. The freshman class is most likely to experience this phenomenon. Beginning freshman enter a time of both fright and excitement. It is a period of joy, pain, discovery, and disappointment. Because this event is so new to students, homesickness has a "snowball" effect according to Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling services. Students who experience homesickness will begin to dwell on it. Often new students are more afraid of the new surroundings than they are about being away from mom and dad. One of the biggest aspects of college is making friends. "Hanging out" with your peers makes you feel better about being in a new surrounding. The worst thing you can do is stay in your dorm room and dwell on your misery. Here are some things that can be done to combat the effects of homesickness:

1. *Keep busy. This will help you focus on the exciting new world you entered and take your mind off of the place you just left.*
2. *Get involved with school activities. This gives you the chance to meet other students.*
3. *Spend time with friends and classmates. Their company will relax you.*
4. *Keep some of your favorite pictures of family members around. This will make you smile and give you some comfort when you need it.*

# *The Freshman*

# FRESHMAN

**by Rachel Deyo**

If your first day of college or the thought of leaving your parents and being on your own has not frightened you yet, the thought of gaining the "freshman fifteen" may have. It is not uncommon for first year college students to begin gaining weight as soon as they set foot on campus.

Think about it. The late night outings to your favorite fast food restaurant; eating all of that junk food dad bought; the ice cream socials; and of course, the care packages with mom's to-die-for chocolate chip cookies. All of these things can post calorie numbers large enough to match a low five digit salary. So how do you stop your body from becoming a cellulite storage closet or building hard fat that guys like to pretend is muscle?

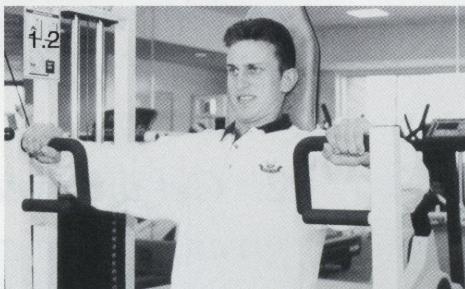
Beside the fact that you absolutely cannot eat everything in sight, you must also exercise enough to burn the excess calories you take in.

Here is a workout that you can follow throughout the semester:



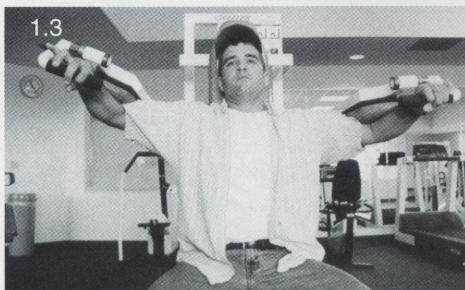
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## Workout Schedule

### Monday, Wednesday

Warm up by doing 2 sets of 25 push ups with 60 seconds of recovery time between each set.  
(Always work larger muscles first)

3 sets 8-12 reps	Cable crosses (1.1)
3 sets 8-12 reps	Bench Press (normal or sitting-1.2)
3 sets 8-12 reps	Lateral raises (1.3)
3 sets 8-12 reps	Shoulder press
3 sets 8-12 reps	Shrugs
3 sets 8-12 reps	Arm curls and extensions (alternating)
3 sets 8-12 reps	Leg extensions
3 sets 8-12 reps	Leg curls
2 sets 100 reps	Crunches

Speed: Run 3/4 speed for 15 seconds from point A to point B.

Allow 45 seconds for recovery and run 3/4 speed for 15 seconds again.

You should run a total of 60 seconds (4 trips) at 3/4 speed.

After you have completed the 15 second run, you will cut the time down to 10 seconds.

Wherever you end up on your first trip will be point B for your next 3 trips.

You should run a total of 40 seconds at 3/4 speed. Repeat these steps for a final time only running for 8 seconds on your last 4 trips at 3/4 speed.

Distance: From your starting point, set your watch alarm for 20 minutes. Begin to run at a comfortable pace walk for 60 seconds every five minutes if you need to.

Perform 2 sets of 100 crunches after your run.

### Tuesday, Thursday

Bring your watch with you. Dress accordingly.

Warm up with a light 5 minute jog.  
Stretch your thighs and hamstrings well.  
Choose from one of two workouts.

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday

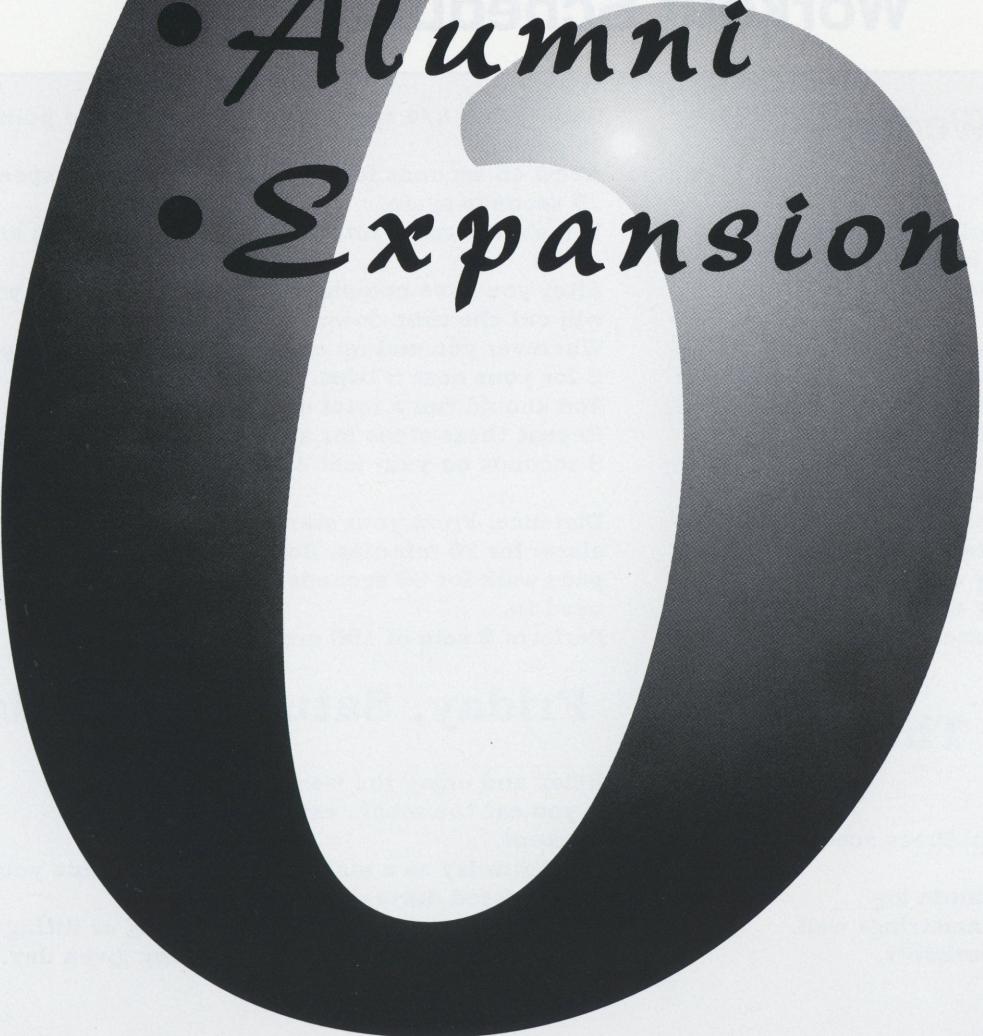
Relax and enjoy the weekend.

If you eat too much, extend your workout.

Use Saturday as a makeup day for workouts you may have missed during the week.

Also use Saturday as an extra running or lifting day. It never hurts to do crunches on any given day.

# *The Big*



- *Alumni*
- *Expansion*



# *•The Future •China Semester*

# Alumni

In correlation with Missouri Southern's 60th anniversary, some of Southern's outstanding alumni deserve recognition. Over the years, there have been many successful graduates of Southern, and these are some of the most outstanding from each decade.

Before Southern became a four-year college, it was Joplin Junior College in the 30's and 40's, and 50's.

Some of these notable alumni graduated then, and the first alumni to graduate was Enos Curry.

### 30's

Enos Curry was the first person to graduate from Joplin Junior College in 1939. The former Webb City resident was also a Lion cheerleader in his day, the first one nearly 60 years ago. He is a retired, distinguished Air Force officer who was among the first American airmen assigned to England in World War Two, serving as an aide to General Ira Eaker and Carl Spaatz.

With service in North Africa and Italy, Enos was assigned for a time as the military governor of San Severo, Italy. After the war, he was connected with Air Force Intelligence and the CIA.

It was his job to brief President Harry Truman about Soviet mischief through the mid-40's, as well the Berlin Airlift and Blockade. He was later heavily involved in the resettlement of Cubans fleeing Castro and in developing intelligence of the build up

of Soviet arms which later became known as the 1962 Cuban Missile Crises.

After retiring from the Air Force, he joined the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times as an editorial writer and columnist. Enos also was editorial editor of the Colorado Springs Sun, and retired from newspaper work in 1982.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, among them are the George Washington Medal; Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award by the Military Order of World Wars; and the First Place Editorial Award by the U.S. Industrial Congress/

Enos is the author of two books: The Armed Forces Officer, A guide to Leadership, a manual issued to all new Air Force Academy Cadets; and Along the Way, a series of published and unpublished columns and articles.

That's who Enos is. A man who talked with presidents, prime ministers and generals, but who said to his companion as he left for his home in Oklahoma City, "This little college meant the most to me. I am overwhelmed."

### 40's

Harold Cloud graduated from Joplin Junior College (JJC) in 1940 and attended Oklahoma State University. He went to work for the Curtiss-Wright Corporation after he

graduated with a BSME. He then joined the U.S. Naval Reserves and served as a deck officer the Pacific Fleet. Cloud moved to Los Angeles in 1951 and worked for Hughes Aircraft Co. for 30 years before retiring in 1988. Some highlights of his professional career included several years in charge of design of high altitude reconnaissance cameras that performed important functions on the famous U-2 planes.

He also provided ground handling, as well as checking out equipment for the Surveyor Series of unmanned scientific moon invader spacecraft and was involved in various communications satellites.

### 50's

Marion A. Ellis was a reporter for The Joplin Globe from 1957 to 1959 while attending Joplin Junior College where he was editor of The Chart student newspaper and an officer in student government. He received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Missouri Southern in 1988.

After service in the Marine Corps, Mr. Ellis joined the Charlotte Observer in 1962 as a staff reporter. He was also awarded a Ford Foundation/Mark Ethridge Fellow at the University of North Carolina. He served as Executive Vice President of the Central Charlotte Association from 1969 to 1973 when he returned to the Charlotte Observer as an investigative reporter. He won several prizes for his

# Through The Decades

reporting and writing including being a member the team which won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 1981.

Mr. Ellis left The Charlotte Observer in 1986 to become Charlotte-based regional manager in four states for Business Wire, an electronic press release distribution service headquartered in San Francisco. Mr. Ellis has written The Meaning of Honor: The Life of Frank Hawkins Kenan. He has also co-written Working Together: The Sheltons of North Carolina. Mr. Ellis is also a writing consultant for First Union Corp. of Charlotte.

## **60's**

Richard Hood attended Southern and was co-editor of The Chart. Mr. Hood is now editorial page editor for The Kansas City Star. In his previous assignment he was political columnist and correspondent for more than 10 years. In 22 years at the newspaper, Mr. Hood also has worked as an assistant city editor, suburban and state editor, general columnist, bureau chief and courthouse reporter. After earning his degree for JJC, he continued education at the University of Missouri school of Journalism. Then followed work on newspapers in Chicago, Columbia, Mo., and Europe while he was assigned to the U.S. Air Force. During his service in Europe, Mr. Hood wrote features for the European edition of **Stars and Stripes** and edited a military newspaper judged the

best military paper in Europe in a contest sponsored by **Time** magazine.

His political columns have won national and state press association awards and he has received awards for investigative journalism including a series on conditions in mental hospitals in Kansas and Missouri. He was a member of the Star staff which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1981 for local reporting in connection with the collapse of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. He was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995.

## **70's**

Cynthia Haddock was a graduate of Southern in 1976 and received the outstanding alumni award in 1990. Now an associate professor in the department of health services at the University of Alabama, she is one of six people nation-wide to be awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy fellowship award. She received her baccalaureate in mathematics at Southern.

Haddock went on to receive her master's degree in statistics from the University of Missouri and her PH.D in medical care organization and administration from Cornell University in 1984. Today, she teaches masters and doctoral level classes, serves on numerous committees, and conducts research on a continuing basis.

## **80's**

Lindy Anne Binns was a graduate

from Southern in 1980. Her career achievements include service as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Associate Director of Championships. She also increased attendance in Division 1 Women's Basketball from 4,000 to 28,779 in three years. Binns also participated in the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games as a sports Planning Manager. She oversaw and initiated planning in tennis, archery, rowing, canoeing, equestrian and modern pentathlon. She was also Competition Manager of the Modern Pentathlon.

Binns was also on the Women's Sports Foundation advisory board, 1988-1994 and United States Olympic Festival Committee, 1989-1993. Binns published work includes Women's Sports Pages Editorial, and Women's Guide to Coaching.

She received the Women's Sports Foundation, Presidents Award in 1994.

## **90's**

Melissa Beveridge was a 1992 graduate and Zeta Tau She received her degree in Sociology from Southern and has done extensive social work. In her days at Southern she was an outside hitter for the volleyball team and served as a referee at the YMCA. Beveridge comes back to Southern often, with husband Tom, who also graduated from Southern to coach soccer at Southern. □



# Missouri Southern

by Rachel Deyo

**A**s MISSOURI SOUTHERN celebrates its 60th year as a college, it continues to strive for excellence in all it has to offer, and continues to offer more. Now, As the number of students escalate; Southern feels the demand for expansion.

"Obviously it is very important for the necessary college facilities to accommodate the number of students we have," said College President, Dr. Julio Leon.

Just how many students are on campus from day to day? Approximately 5485 students are currently enrolled and 740 of those are freshmen.

When Leon became College President in 1982, consensus had predicted a nationwide decrease in college enrollment based on the decline of high school graduates. Here at Southern enrollment continued to grow.

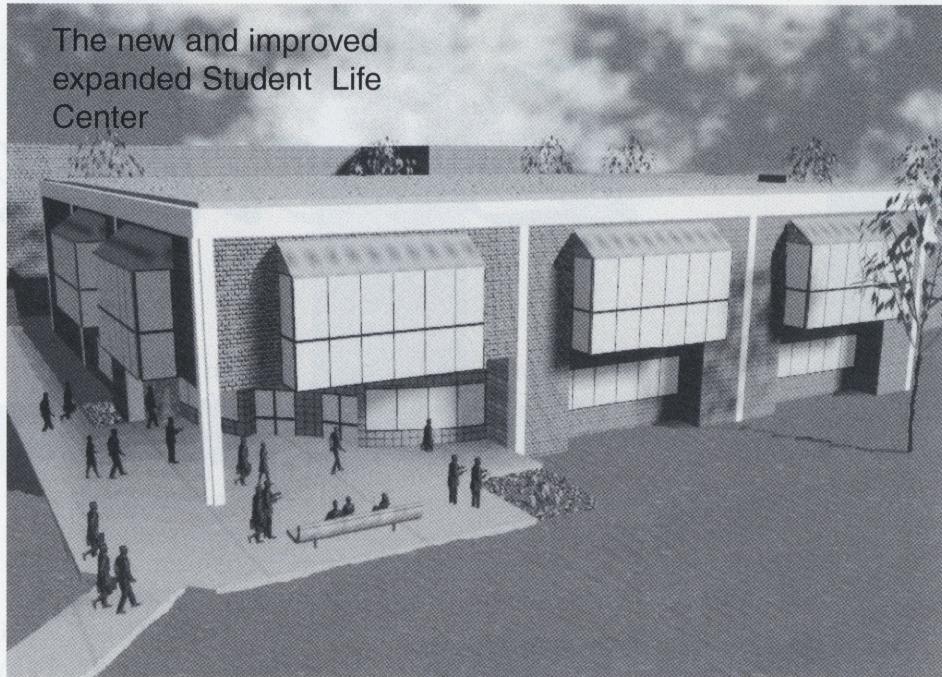
"In the 1980's the college was beginning to be perceived as a different type of institution than it was before," said Leon. "I think that more and more students decided that it was a good alternative for them."

Leon attributes much of the increase in enrollment to the number of non-traditional students that decided to go back to school.

"There was a significant growth in the number of older students on the campus," said Leon. "And more students that would have normally gone to other institutions began to realize that this was a good college."

With enrollment increasing each semester, the needs of the campus continue to grow. Administrators are

The new and improved expanded Student Life Center



targeting specific areas at Missouri Southern where expansion is not only a possibility but a necessity as well.

"One thing that we know for sure is that the athletics facilities for indoor sports are not adequate for the number of students and athletes we have here on campus," said Dr. Leon.

Leon said that the college tried to assist in a need that the Joplin area has for a large facility to be used for entertainment events as well as collegiate activities.

"We sent this project to the voters, but the voters said no, and that's perfectly fine," said Leon. "However, the need for an indoor sports facility is still there and we have finally decided that it is time for Missouri Southern to tend to its own needs."

Although the new facility is a smaller version of that project, it will provide new opportunities to Southern athletes.

"The field house will be a multi-purpose facility for our needs," said Leon.

A new cafeteria is next on the project list here at Southern. A second

floor will be added to the student life center in efforts to bring convenience to residence hall students.

"This will make the residence halls a better place to live," said Leon. "It was something we needed badly and hopefully it will be done very soon."

The need for expansion exists across campus. The next stop on the production line involves the theatre department. Since the Barn Theatre burned in 1990, those involved in theatre at Southern have had to rely on the use of Taylor Auditorium for their productions.

"Hopefully soon we can build an addition so that the theatre department can have an adequate facility and they won't have to build and tear down for smaller audiences [like in theatre in the round] and Taylor Hall will be free for larger events such as ballets and concerts," said Leon.

Leon said that there are plans for an addition to Spiva Library as well. Eventually the library will have more space and up-to-date technology.

Leon said that expansion is

# Demands Expansion

inevitable for a growing college like Southern.

"I think people in the United States have come to regard progress in terms of growth," said Leon. "People tend to associate progress with the increase in numbers of enrollment, with quantity rather than quality. Fortunately, we have grown in numbers and in quality."

Another aspect of Southern that Dr. Leon boasts is the low cost.

"But people don't just buy things because they are cheap," said Leon. "They buy things that are cheap in relationship to the quality."

Leon said that Southern is very reasonable given the quality of the faculty and the personal attention that is available in the smaller classes.

"Given the facilities, new buildings, good equipment and programs, it turns out to be a good institution," said Leon, "especially for the price we charge for it, and it has become a good value."

Is Missouri Southern a University for the 21st century? And what's in a

name anyway? Dr. Leon strongly believes in the future of Missouri Southern.

"Southern offers an excellent education and people tend to think that because an institution carries the name 'college', it is somehow of lesser quality or significance," said Leon. "Given the fact that we are about to go into the 21st century and we think of ourselves as forward-looking, maybe more so than other institutions, we felt that calling ourselves 'A State University for the 21st century would make two statements'.

Both statements reflect on the essence of what the term 'university' means according to Dr. Leon.

1. "Whatever happens on this campus is the same as what happens at a university."

2. "We offer a good university education, furthermore, ahead of its time because we are looking ahead internationally."

When Dr. Leon speaks of Missouri Southern, he speaks with certainty

and pride.

"I'm very satisfied with what is happening on this campus," said Leon, "starting with the faculty, staff, administration and the students."

Dr. Leon has presided over Missouri Southern for fifteen years. During those years he has watched the growth of the students, the faculty and the campus.

"I hope students will leave this institution with the knowledge and skills that are necessary to function in today's competitive world," said Leon. "Things are changing rapidly and we need to prepare our students differently than before so our hope is that we are successful so that our students can be successful." □

## How did we get here?

1937-- Joplin Junior College opens with 114 students located at what is now Joplin Junior High.

1964-- Voters approve a \$2.5 million bond issue for the construction of a new campus, residents pledge over \$300,000 to aid in the purchase of the Mission Hills Farm.

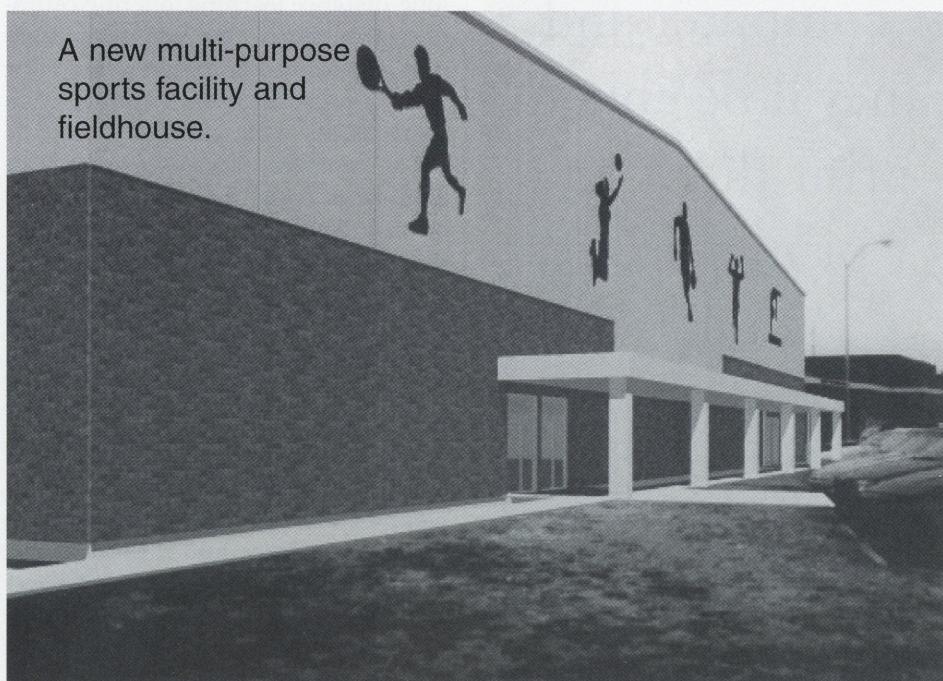
1967-- Missouri Southern State College opened with five new buildings and 2,399 students on a 320-acre campus.

1973-- Construction was approved for the 2,000 seat Performing Arts Center through a \$1 million gen. obligation bond.

1992-- The \$7.5 million-dollar Webster Communications and Social Science building opened.

1995-- The \$1.4 million Student Life Center was completed.

1996-- The \$4.5 million expansion of the Justice Center began.



A new multi-purpose sports facility and fieldhouse.

# A Peek Into The Future

SPARKLING CRYSTAL BALLS, TAROT CARDS, OUIJA BOARDS, SEANCES, AND SWEaty PALM READINGS FLASH BEFORE our eyes, leaving us to tremble with fear of the unknown.

Aren't some of us curious about the future? Yes, it might be filled with days of glamour and excitement. Yet at other times, we might want to scream at the top of our lungs, contemplating the purpose of living and worth to others.

**by Dawn Craig**

A few students and faculty at Missouri Southern have racked their brains, trying to guess what's in store for Southern, 60 years into the next century.

Edward Emmanuel, junior computer science major, believes computers will be using fiber optics, instead of standard networking cables.

"Within the next 10 years, we will still be using the same computers," said Emmanuel. "The ones in Learning Center that are already 10 years old are taking up space. If Southern doesn't do something about them, then students will look elsewhere for their computer science degree."

Dr. J.S. Duggal, computer aided drafting and design/computer assisted manufacturing technology professor, has just began teaching at Southern this semester. He is originally from Texas, where he taught engi-

... We will send their diploma by computer and they'll be able to print them on a printer from home. . .

—Dr. J.S. Duggal—

neering at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Duggal predicts that the environment where the students learn, the group of students, and how the students learn will change extensively.

According to Duggal, "There will be long-distance learning, offering courses via satellite. "We will send their diploma by computer and they'll be able to print them on a printer from home. Also, their portfolio would be on a compact disc. Anyone hiring employees could look at information on disc. There will be mostly non-traditional students 48 years old or older in college, because of demographic situation."

Nathan Camp, music education major, envisions a disastrous future for Southern.

"In 60 years, the parking lot will fall through and eventually the rest of the campus, too, because last year, someone almost drove into a hole 20 feet wide and 60 feet deep, revealing a section of the mine," said Camp. "Blaine Hall will be 80 feet under and rest of

# Southern in 2057

campus becomes a basement. Southern will be known as the first underground university, due to natural causes."

Jim Gilbert, Director of Student Financial Aid, thinks computers will change drastically and people will have alter-egos.

"None of the computers will have CRT tubes. Instead, they'll be holograph projectors shining on the wall when turned on," said Gilbert. "Every student will have access to a computer just like the holidec. Sometimes, student will come to class, turning on holidec, pretending their in the classroom and listening to an instructor that doesn't even exist. And their classmates will be make-believe, too."

Rich Villard and Susan Courtney, both theater majors, performed a skit to illustrate their visions for Southern several years from now.

"I see a dismal future. A dismal future, in which everyone is exactly alike," said Villard.

"I don't think they would be against people who dress weird as much. I think everyone would just wear whatever they want. And they would be okay with it," said Courtney. "We will have our own cloning lab. Darn it, I

need to go on this date with Bobby and a date with Jack."

Villard responds, "Simply for the fact, they have to conceive a baby. They are who you are, but just have your genes. It would take 17 years!"

"That's just like a long time into the future. They would have perfected it by then. Either that or we will have World War III and everyone will be dead," she said.

"Ever more dismal," he said.

"Cars will be opened and none will probably be running. A circle imprinted in the grass . . .," said Courtney.

"In which we will be invaded by space men from the planet, Rinbayshnikrinpuldu X-14," said Villard.

"Then they go and take us off this planet to their planet, so we can be slaves," said Courtney.

"And conduct brain probes through the rear end," he said.

"Rectal probes, yeah!," she said.

Whatever happens to Southern in 60 years, will probably cause major changes. Some might be great or otherwise horrible. It depends on one's point-of-view about the situation and how future generations handle the events they are faced with here. □

-Jim Gilbert-

# Semester Named to Honor Transfer of Power

*Seminars and celebrations top the list of many events planned throughout the semester*

**by Joetta Wigger**

**W**HAT IS THE CHINA semester? What does it mean?

Many students have been asking this question since enrollment last spring when the name of the fall semester of 1997 was announced.

"Dr. Leon decided that we need to concentrate on a topic or a region for every semester, at least the fall semester," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

As a result of the government of Hong Kong being transferred back to China, this fall semester was named in honor of it.

"It's emerging from sleep, in essence, after it had closed its door to the world," said Bitterbaum. "Hong Kong is believed to be a catalyst to bring China out into the world."

For our first symposium, we decided to have China. For our spring symposium, we might have 'Africa: The Neglected Continent.' We are not for sure about that yet, though."

One of that main goals of the China semester is for every department to incorporate something about China into their curriculum.

Dr. Nancy Smith, head of the Teacher Education department said that their department is trying to do

that. "We are having units on China," said Smith, "and having a get-together for a display and slide show on China."

The social science department is also concentrating on China.

"Social science is inherently cross-cultural anyway," said Dr. Richard Miller, "but we are addressing China and focusing on that day in and day out."

Many events in honor of China will happen.

Not everything is scheduled yet, but two of the biggest events have been planned.

Lectures seminars and concerts will kick off the China semester events sometime in October.

On Friday, November 7, there will be a celebration of Chinese music in Webster Auditorium. Jian Yiu, a professional musician will perform.

Dr. Kexi Liu, music instructor here at Missouri Southern, will also be on stage.

Jian Liu will also interact with Southern music majors and talk to them about the music of China Thursday afternoon, November 6.

Events will be published as dates are decided.

"I think that as far as the students are concerned, this will broaden their horizons and their understanding of the world," said Bitterbaum. "It will give them insight." □

# 「望江之夜」传递人类美好语言

美国南方大学合唱团今晚演出最后一场



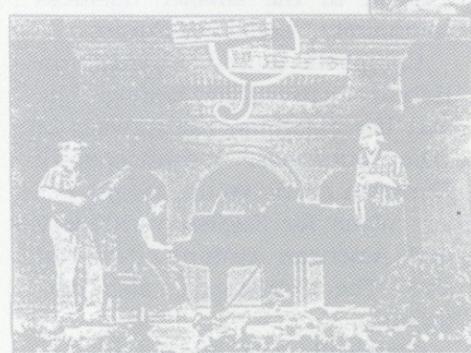
术,在中美观众和演员之间架起一道心灵之桥。

在社会各界积极促进哈尔滨迈向音乐城的今天,主办“望江之夜”音乐会的哈尔滨望江宾馆和紫丁香音乐厅等单位,旨在通过多种规模音乐会的演出,陶冶人们的性情,在轻松、悠然的气氛中,培养观众的审美情趣,提高音乐素养,此次演出达到了预期的效果。今天的演出现场,观众虽未满场,但在场的观众几乎无不明了演唱曲目中的音乐传递,合唱《平安夜》让人心中泛起对世界和平的渴望和对人类友谊的向往。

老艺术家刘相茹在观看演出后说,创建音乐城,需要一个过程,培养观众是这个过程中最艰难的工作,我们每个人都要为此努力。望江宾馆总经理

陈亚丹说,我们参与主办和组织职工来欣赏高雅音乐,就是为创建音乐城尽一点我们的微薄之力。

据悉,“望江之夜”明晚将进行最后一场演出。(本报记者 圆小玲)



## 图书市场日趋多元化 北京名人故居争相开书店

本报北京电 我国图书市场的经营日趋多元化,书店也开得各具特色。名人故居争相开办书店便是北京市图书市场的一景。

日前,茅盾故居一侧辟出了两小间旧房,新开了一家“子夜书屋”。书店中的特色书——茅盾先生的著述及专家学者研究茅盾先生的著述,都是茅盾先生的家属捐献的,现在摆在书

少。鲁迅故居有“鲁迅书店”,而郭沫若故居则卖郭老的书……这早已超出了单纯意义的图书经营,而成为一特殊的文化现象。

(成盛)

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日讯 美国密苏里州南方大学艺术团独唱合唱音乐会,今天下午在哈尔滨紫丁香音乐厅举行“望江之夜”首场演出,冲破语言障碍的音乐艺

本报讯 为庆祝中国人民解放军建军70周年,中宣部、民政部、文化部、广电部和总政治部将于8月1日在北京首都体育馆联合举办大型文艺晚会《我们的队伍向太阳》。中央电视台8月1日一套节目将播出晚会实况。

这台晚会由5个板块组成。《序·风在呼啸军号响》,在响亮的军号声中,数百名演员以富有气势的行进中舞蹈,展现南昌起义部队、红军八路军、新四军、解放军披荆斩棘、奋勇前进的英姿。《脚踏着祖国的大地》,通过《军旅雄风》、《阳

## 庆祝建军七十周年大《我们的队伍向太阳》激中视8月1日一套播

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### “Viewing the River at Night” Transmits the Beautiful Language of Mankind

Arousing the Desire for Peace in Our Hearts  
Final Performance of the American Chorus is tonight

**July 31** Southwest Baptist University Chorus from Missouri, in the United States, did a first successful performance at the Purple Lilac Concert Hall in Harbin. Their program was called "**Viewing the River at Night**". The art of music broke the language barrier and set up a spiritual bridge between the US singers and the Chinese audience.

All of society is working hard to make Harbin a renowned city of music. In this spirit, the Wangjiang Hotel and Purple Lilac Concert Hall sponsored this performance for the purpose of molding people's personalities and improving the level of people's understanding of music. This performance certainly accomplished these goals. During the performance, most of the audience could catch the real message of the music, especially from the choral rendition of "Silent Night", which stirred up a strong desire for peace and friendship among mankind.

After the performance, an old artist, Mr. Liu Xiangru, said, "setting up a musical city is a process, we still have a lot of work to do, we must keep working." The GM of the Wangjiang Hotel Mr. Chen Yadan said, "we are pleased to be sponsors of this performance and devote this small effort towards the creation of a musical city."

The report said there will be another performance tomorrow night.

From the New Evening Edition of Harbin

# Fantastic Voyage

*Student, faculty take the opportunity to visit China in the time surrounding the transfer of power in Hong Kong.*

**by Jen Rabold**

A world changing event is a rarity few of us ever get the chance to witness. This summer, a cultural exchange took place for two Missouri Southern's senior communications majors, Rick Rogers and Jake Griffin; and Jean Campbell, promotions director for KXMS and KGCS-LP and faculty adviser to *Crossroads The Magazine*.

Rogers, former Editor-in Chief of *The Chart*, and Griffin, current Editor, were both thrilled to get the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of different cultural environments and had the great journalistic opportunity to capture the events took place in Hong Kong and China.

Guided by Richard Massa, director of the International Institute, Rogers and Griffin were given special instructions which included following a schedule of interviewing people of interest, capturing interesting locations, and specific assignments,

given by Massa.

Griffin and Rogers did a great deal to prepare for the trip. Both took a class about Asian culture, taught by Dr. Conrad Gubera, Professor of Sociology.

Along with the class, they prepared by reading about Hong Kong and China, and the transfer of governmental power and control of Hong Kong. Because they were going to view and publish the movement in Hong Kong, they spent a great deal of time studying the names, faces, and events that led up to this occurrence of change.

Griffin stated that all the major changes occurred before they arrived.

The stories they published were human interest stories; for example, how it affects the small shop keepers and people with smaller businesses.

The two aspiring journalists anticipated that the streets will be filled with celebration.

"There were fireworks exploding," Griffin said.

When asked about their presence and its effects, they both agree that the reporters would be intrigued by such a young representation of inter-

est.

"The shop keepers should be thrilled to see someone taking interest in the smaller business community," exclaimed Rogers.

Campbell toured Changchun, Habrin Shenyang and Beijing. She and her daughter, the director of "The Contempos," a contemporary Christian music group, taught lesson plans for English vocabulary and American culture. Campbell and "The Contempos" also performed

Campbell gave five lessons to help the Chinese to better understand not only our vocabulary, but our cultural ideas. During her classes the individuals were able to ask questions about our country.

This trip was extremely exciting due to the fact that there was an economic and political controversy which occurred. Griffin and Rogers are going specifically to be exposed to as much of the controversy as possible, and Campbell is going to teach and expand the minds of the people in China by the process of education and song. □

让观众心中泛起对和平的渴望

## “华语”传递人类美好语言

到了预期的效果。场,但在场的观众无不不明了演唱会音乐传递,合唱《华语之夜》让人心中泛起世界和平的渴望和对友谊的向往。

老艺术家刘相观看了演出后说,音乐城,需要一个地方培养观众是这个过程中最艰难的工作,我们每个人都为此努力。望江宾馆总经理陈亚丹说,我们参与主办和组织职工来欣赏高雅音乐,就是为创建音乐城尽一点我们的微薄之力。

据悉,“望江之夜”明晚将进行最后一场演出。(本报记者圆小玲)



本报北京电 我国图书市场的经营日趋多元化,书店也开得各具特色。名人故居争相开办书店便是北京市图书市场的一景。

日前,茅盾故居一侧辟出了两小间旧房,新开了“子夜书屋”。书店中的特色书——茅盾先生的著述及专家学者研究茅盾先生的著述,都是茅盾先生的家属捐献的,现在摆在书

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本报讯 军爱民,民拥军。解放军建军七十周年之际,组织军民欢庆文艺活动,属和退伍军人送上节日的祝福。

太平区“八·一”歌咏比赛,民兵和现役军人等业余歌手们登台献唱,《志愿军之歌》等歌曲唱响军营。书画比赛及获奖作品展也为“

## “八·一”谱

### 我市群众文化活

烈的气氛。南岗区曲线街社区组织了一台庆“八·一”演出,到观众席的前面,各委的局、处、办、企事业单位的职工们表演了独唱、器乐、舞蹈等节目,展示了军民解不开的情缘,抒发出军人的宽阔胸怀。

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# Campus E-mail

*Access your campus e-mail address through Missouri Southern's home page.*

**by Marla Hinkle**

**C**AMPUS E-MAIL SERVICES

provide access to GroupWise e-mail at Missouri Southern.

The free e-mail provider is an excellent means of communication that all students have the opportunity to use.

Why is this e-mail account so important to get?

Well, since everyone on campus is included in this group, it is a large area network or (LAN) that you instantly become a part of once you receive your student e-mail account in Matthews Hall.

Although you probably see your friends on a regular basis, the people you don't have a class with can be kept in contact with e-mail.

Another way e-mail can help make your life easier as a student is by providing a means of communication with teachers.

Suppose you were not there for the assignment or just need to ask a question.

Most Southern teacher have an e-mail account.

The process of receiving the stu-

dent account involves requesting one in room 222 Matthews Hall.

You will be given a sheet that includes regulations and procedures.

Also included on the sheet are three basic components. User ID, which is your last name, hyphen

@mail.mssc.edu.

In some cases when you have a commonly used name, such as Chris Smith, for example, it would be advisable to add some distinguishing characteristic such as Chris Smith67.

In order to access the GroupWise service, go to Southern's homepage: <http://www.mssc.edu/>

There is a link showing a graphic of the world and below that is the words campus e-mail.

Click on this link and you will be taken to the login screen.

Where it says name, enter Smith-C, and letters are case sensitive.

Then click on login and you will be taken to the main menu.

There are tabs that you can use to work with your mail, and a graphical interface that pictures a desk, but does exactly the same thing as the tabs.

Most of these are self explanatory, but one important tab to mention is the send button.

This button will lead you to a screen that is used to compose your letters.

The send to tab is where you should enter the person's e-mail address, and the subject is not necessary unless it is a formal letter.

The address book is a useful feature for finding friends who you are looking for or teachers that you may need to get in contact with for general information.

E-mail is a great way to stay in touch with the entire campus network. □



and then first initial.

Secondly, you will be assigned a password, and have the option to change that password from within the program at any time. Last is the e-mail address itself. The address is basically a user ID along with

# Chat Room Terms

## Emotions

:-) happy/smiley  
:-(| sad/upset  
:-> devious smile  
:-< very sad  
>:-(| angry  
:-D laughing  
:-O shouting  
:-o yawning  
:-& tongue-tied  
:-@ screaming or swearing  
:-P or :-b sticking your tongue out  
:-\* kissing  
:-0 talking too much  
8-) wearing glasses  
B-) wearing shades  
IAo sleeping/snoring  
:-) winking and one-eyed ,:-)  
:-(| crying  
:-} grin or vampire  
%:-) happy/confused and %:-(| sad confused  
:-# my lips are sealed/braces  
:-] happy sarcasm and :-[ sad sarcasm  
:-/ or :-\ undecided/smirk  
:-), drooling  
:-)8 well-dressed  
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=:)- Santa Claus  
=:-)= punk-rocker with goatee  
:-| bored  
@:-) girl smiley  
(:-) bald smiley  
=) sleepy smile  
)):=8D| moose face  
=|:-)= Abe Lincoln  
@:-0 Elvis  
:-= buck-teeth  
#:-) stayed up too late  
O-) cyclops  
b:-) wearing baseball cap  
>:-) scheming  
8:-) hair in curlers  
~(-:o) baby crying  
<|((((-< fish  
3:-O cow  
:-\$ put your money where your mouth is  
=-:)- bunny ears  
:-0 mustache  
(:-d big mouth  
(:-) wearing a walkman  
:-\*) have a cold  
:-Q disgusting  
:-<>== surprise  
:-)= smoking  
{ } hug or {someone's name} hugging them

O:-) angel

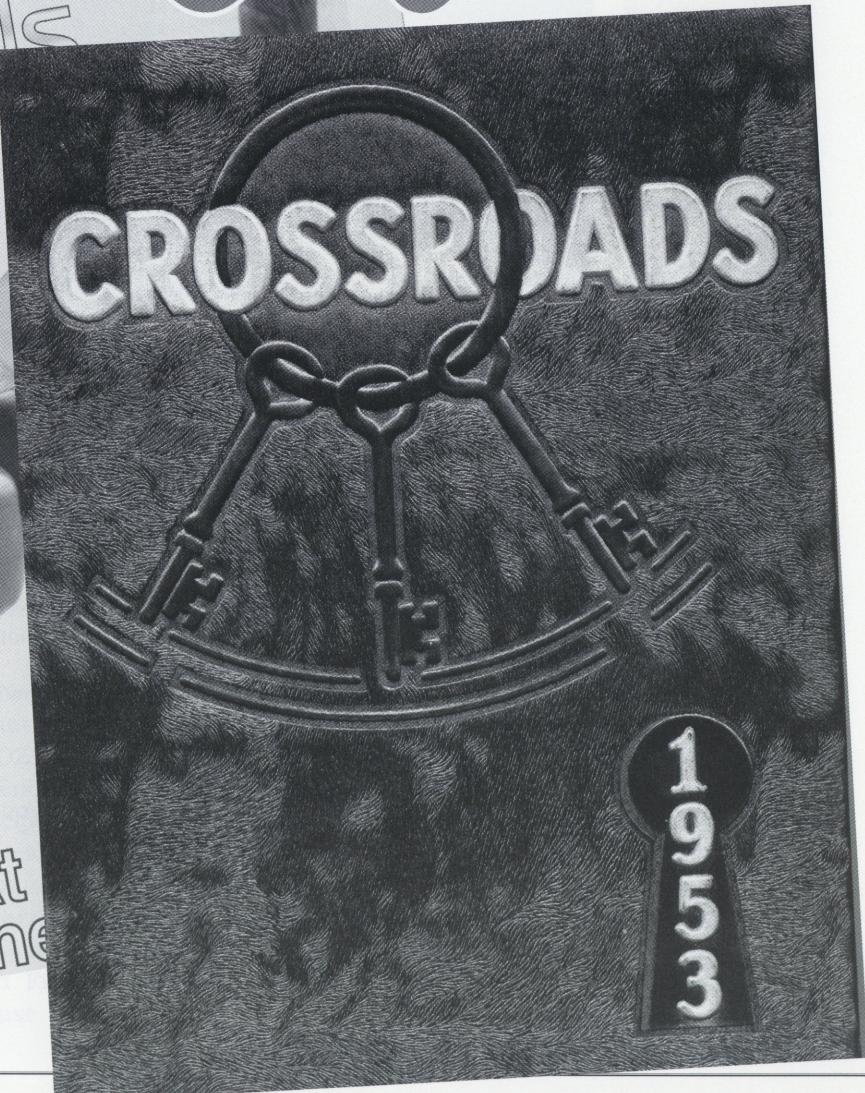
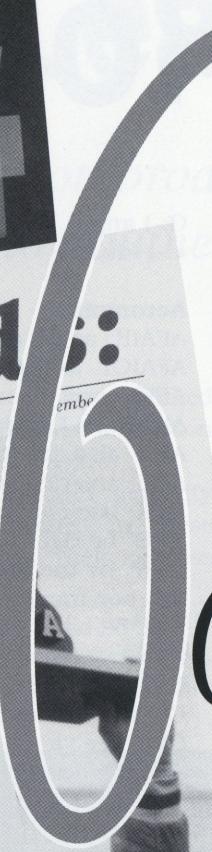
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## Acronyms

AFAIK as far as I know  
AFAICT as far as I can tell  
AFK away from the keyboard  
AIUSI as I understand it  
AKA also known as  
AOL america online  
BAK back at the keyboard  
BRB be right back  
BTW by the way  
BF boy friend or best friend  
BBL be back later  
BNF bye for now  
CIS compuserve  
CU see you and CUL see you later  
CYA see ya  
FAQ frequently asked questions  
FYA for your amusement  
FYI for your information  
FOMCWL falling out of my chair with laughter  
[g] grunt  
GA go ahead  
HHOK ha ha only kidding  
IAC in any case  
IMO in my opinion  
ISTM it seems to me  
L8r later  
LOL laughing out loud  
MSN microsoft network  
MTF more to follow  
MOTD message of the day  
NP no problem  
OIC oh, I see  
OTOH on the other hand  
OTF on the floor  
PITA pain in the a—  
PI politically incorrect and PC politically correct  
POV point of view  
ROTFL rolling on the floor laughing  
RSN real soon now  
SWW sorry wrong window  
TIA thanks in advance  
TIC tongue in cheek  
TTFN ta ta for now  
TTYL or TTUL talk to you later  
WB welcome back  
WTG way to go  
WTH what the heck  
XQSM excuse me  
YHM you have mail  
ZUP what's up

for  
you  
now.  
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# BIG Bucks

Money Money



Money Money

## Valuable Information

by Andre Smith

**F** YOU ARE A NORMAL COLLEGE STUDENT, you probably spend considerable amounts on food—whether you live on or off campus. You may spend money on outings with friends or flowers for that special someone. In addition, long distance calls, extra cable, and car payments do not help any money situation. Here are ten ways to save money:

**1. Buy goodies in bulk.** Cans of soda, candy bars, and wrapped treats come in bulk now. It costs close to a quarter extra for every can of pop or junk food item you buy from a machine.

**2. Limit the purchase of fast food.** Depending on your weekly income,

you should limit yourself to spending 10-15% on fast food.

**3. Call collect.** Most parents and other relatives tell us to do this anyway. However, we tend to get excited about low calling rates and free calling cards. Long distance is dangerous because we all know that parents love to talk.

**4. Control your credit card.** Plastic = Disaster. You will soon discover that you have gathered more unexpected expenses than you need. It is easy to charge, but hard to pay monthly bills.

**5. Date Creatively.** Creative dating minds usually help to cut the cost of dates. Try not to impress your snuggle bunny by spending large amounts on expensive restaurants.

**6. Get involved.** If you get involved in campus activities and on-campus groups, you will save because of the

free food and have less time to spend those extra dollars.

**7. Get a job.** Instead of “a penny saved is a penny earned”, one could day that “a penny earned is a penny saved.” Most places are willing to work around your school schedule.

**8. Do not drink.** Alcoholic beverages are expensive. Especially in large quantities. If you are underage, you may save yourself the cost of a fine as well.

**9. Do your homework (at night).** By doing homework your grades stay high, you cannot get into trouble, and you reduce the risk of spending money just for the sake of spending money.

**10. Open a local savings account.** Put away 10% of all income. You would be surprised at how quickly money adds up. Who knows. You may even collect a little interest. □

# Two Unforgettable Dates

She looked so good as she walked from the doors of McCormick hall to my car.

This was my dream date and I was not about to screw it up. I was drenched in Drakkar. I had on dress pants, a dress shirt, and (get this) a tie.

I cleaned out the cab of my pickup so that she would at least think that I was neat. As she approached my car, I exited my side to open the car door for her.

When she sat down, to her surprise, a rose was taped to the dashboard with a note next to it.

She read the note and with a sincere smile, she thanked me. We pulled out of the parking lot and headed south on Rangeline to a very typical first date place—The Olive Garden.

Previous to the start of this wonderful evening, I paid a visit to the Olive Garden to set up a private table. On this table was a candle and a vase with three roses in it.

We made small talk for seven minutes in the car, and finally pulled into the Olive Garden parking lot.

We were led directly to our table (I was relieved that the host recognized me) and a strange smile came across her face. Could it be. Yes! She was flattered.

She voiced her appreciation, thus, striking a night of healthy conversation. We discussed our families, personal interests, and life expectations.

Neither of us dominated the conversation. We both contributed and we both listened to each other.

We ate our delicious Italian dishes, and even had dessert. I figured that since she loved to talk (she told me that), we would take a walk around campus.

She was very relaxed and comfortable around me and vice versa. I parked my car in one of the parking spaces at Matthews hall and we began to walk. It was unusually cool for a summer night (thank you God).

Luckily, I had my letterman's jacket from high school in my truck. The fit was perfect. Well, not perfect, but it looked good.

Then it happened.

She grabbed my hand! We walked slowly from Matthews, passed the Mansion, Billingsly, Reynolds, etc. We began this walk at 8:35p.m.

Our conversation from the Olive Garden continued. The walk lasted over two hours.

We really clicked and I told her I wanted to see her again. I walked her back to the dorm contemplating whether or not I should try to kiss her. As we stopped at the doors of McCormick Hall, she grabbed my hands, reached up, and kissed me. For a long time.

Indeed, this was the best night of my life, and yes, we are still together after one year. □

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My favorite date occurred on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon.

It began as any Saturday, I awoke late to catch the rest of the morning cartoons and lounged on the sofa with a good book. I had just started my favorite chapter when the phone rang.

It was my boyfriend, taking the time out of his busy morning to call me from work and ask me what I would like to do that evening. We decided that since he would not have much time to prepare a spectacular day, I would come up with something. So we set a time and I got busy.

Here was my strategy. First, I would bake some delicious chocolate-chip peanut butter cookies (his favorite). Then I would soak in a nice luxurious bubble bath with that special flower scent he seemed to enjoy. Finally, I picked out a cute little summer dress that I knew would be comfortable and was just the right color.

As he arrived, I met him at the door with a picnic basket and a sweet grin. He smiled with admiration as he glanced at the basket. As he reached to take the basket from my hand he wrapped his arm around me and gave me a peck on the cheek and complemented me on that secret bubble bath scent. He opened the car door and off we went for a nice afternoon in the park.

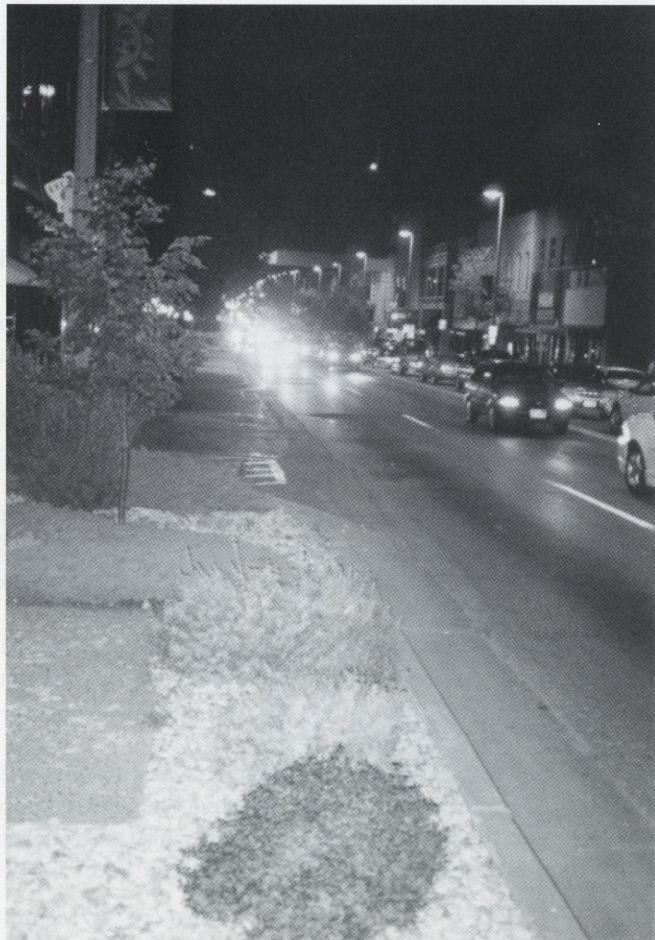
When we arrived, he spread our blanket and took my hand as we sat down. I reached into the basket and pulled out the chicken salad sandwiches I had made. He was famished, but not too hungry for polite conversation as we related the goings-on of the past week. Soon he mentioned the aroma of dessert and reached into the basket to find his favorite cookies. Again he flashed that great smile.

After dinner we went on a walk around the lake. Hand-in-hand we strolled along discussing each others hopes and fears. He listened intently to my feelings. To lighten the moments, I began to run around the lake. He gave chase and soon 'caught' me underneath a large oak tree. As I leaned against the tree, he carved our initials in the tree with a huge heart encircling them. Then he sat down with me underneath that big oak as we watched the sun set upon the lake. As he wrapped his arms around me, I slipped a little note in his pocket for him to find later—I love you. □

# Joplin's

*Information and Photos by  
Courtney Hulsey*

# Hot Spots

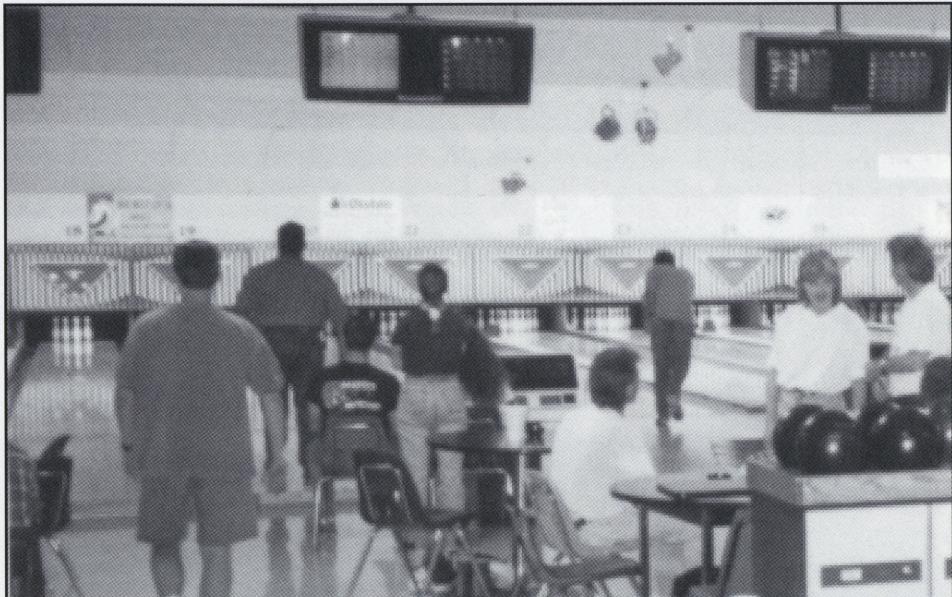


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*One of the pastimes that has remained a constant throughout time is cruisin' Main Street. Even with all the attractions on these pages, kids of all ages seem to be lured to Main on Friday and Saturday nights. The traffic is solid, so if you're in a hurry avoid this "Hot Spot".*



*Shakey's is the hottest spot in town for fun, frozen custard and a short trip back to the 50's. Since it's opening in August of '91, Shakey's has risen in popularity with people of all ages. It is located at 11th and Rangeline.*



*Bowling is one of Joplin's most popular activities. Joplin is home of two bowling alleys; Bowl East on North Rangeline and Fourth Street Bowl on West Fourth.*



*There are an abundance of parks in Joplin. Many pick-up games have been played, and there are always those who go to parks for relaxation. The park pictured to the left is Schifferdecker Park.*



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# Robert Ilaoa=Brick Wall

*Offensive Linemen Jason Owen on Defensive Linemen Robert Ilaoa*

**H**ave you ever tried to move a brick wall? Well I have. No, I take that back. A brick wall would probably have been much, much easier.

The brick wall in question is 6 foot 2 inch, 330 pound defensive tackle Robert Ilaoa (E-lou-a), and, as one of Southern's offensive lineman, it has been my job to try and move this man-child since football season started a little over a month ago.

Why is he so hard to move? Well Robert put it best, "One of my greatest advantages is my size," he said. "In a conference full of big guys, I am usually the biggest."

Dustin Calvin, a fellow defensive tackle, agrees.

"I really enjoy playing with Robert because he really makes my job easier," he said. "He is so big that it usually takes several guys to block him, and that takes pressure off of me."

"It also helps because I know I can trust him. I know that no matter what, he is going to do his job, and so I can just concentrate on what I am supposed to be doing."

While attending Midwest City's (Okla.) Carl Albert High School, Robert racked up big numbers as a senior. While he enjoyed his time in high school, Ilaoa says he is thrilled to be at Southern.

"It's a different game," he said. "I

enjoyed high school ball, but this is much different. The game moves much faster in college."

With the game moving faster, it might seem that Robert's size could become a disadvantage. Not so says

that we need him to move, he can cover in a hurry."

Missouri Southern has seen some great finesse players. Players like defensive tackle Steve Halverson, who could simply make a move and be by opposing offensive lines. Ilaoa, however, doesn't seem to fit that mold.

"I am definitely not a finesse player," he said. "I approach the game with more of a solid attack style. I'm not going to run around you, I'm going to run through you."

Ilaoa, a sophomore secondary education major, hopes to take what he has learned on the field and put it to use once he graduates.

"I want to teach, but more importantly I want to coach. I think with my experience I have a lot to share with those I would be teaching."

After working out with the defense during spring ball last year, and through the first few weeks of this year, Robert says he feels good about this years chances.

"I think we definitely have a chance this year. This year's defense is a strong one. We have a lot of talent and ability, and a lot of hunger."

"We still have room to improve, and we are not quite there yet, but the day we totally come together as a unit, that will be the day of reckoning." □



Calvin.

"He is just so quick off the ball. No, he might not have blazing long distance speed, but the five to seven yards

HORN  
SHOOTER



JOHN SMITH

# Amber Collins “Sets”

## VOLLEYBALL

by Andre Smith

**W**ith the loss of their starting setter early in the volleyball season, Lady Lions head coach Debbie Traywick counted on a freshman to accept a huge role.

As a setter, this person would have to be a leader at all times and continuously make good plays in order for the team to be successful.

The person that Traywick chose was Amber Collins.

“I knew that Amber would do a good job for us,” Traywick said.

Collins, a product of Houston, Mo. admitted that there was an abundance of pressure that came along with the playing position.

“I try not to think about what’s going on around me,” she said. I wasn’t ready to accept the spot, but the coaches are patient with me. They understand that jumping into the spot is rough.”

Although Collins has gone through trying times early in the season, coach Traywick is very pleased with her performance.

“I couldn’t ask for more out of a freshman,” Traywick said.

One of the major things that Collins had to work out was the timing with the rest of the team. According to teammate Stephanie Gockley, “Amber is quite impressive.”

“She is so fast,” Gockley said. “Anybody that can touch every ball no matter what has a lot of drive.”

Gockley, who is also from Houston, Mo., grew up not too far from Collins.

“We lived about three miles apart,” Collins said. “We were always at each



TIM WILSON

# The Tempo As Leader

other's houses. Our parents are also good friends."

As a freshman in high school, Collins played with Gockley before she graduated and came to Southern.

During her sophomore and junior seasons with the Tigers of Houston High, Collins gathered All-Conference, All-District, All-Ozarks, and All-Region honors. She also won several team awards.

In the second game of what may have been her best season, she tore her ACL and had to have arthroscopic surgery.

"I was pretty devastated," Collins said. "I didn't know if I'd be able to play college ball. That was the second

time I hurt my knee."

The first time she hurt her knee came during volleyball camp in which the injury was less serious.

"I went to hit a ball and when I landed my knee went out and came back in," she said. "I sprained my MCL that time."

Collins sat out her senior year, but was still recruited by Southern and Southwest Missouri State.

Collins said that her decision on where to attend was fairly easy.

"Southern had a good environment and having friends there already helped," she said.

Now that she is here, Collins majors in health promotions and wellness.

And when she is not in class or at practice she enjoys "hanging out."

Collins' attitude is much like her favorite female athlete—Lisa Leslie.

"She is not cocky and she is mellow about everything," Collins said.

Lisa Leslie also took on a leadership role as a young athlete.

Could Amber Collins be as successful as Lisa Leslie?

Gockley said she has more potential than most athletes that she has seen.

How does Gockley envision Amber in three years:

"Wow!" Gockley said. "She's an awesome setter now. In three more years she'll be unstoppable. I just wish I weren't leaving."



TIM WILSON

# *A Day In The Life of* *Sonia Blacketer*

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

# *Sonia Blacketer keeps herself busy, both on the track and off.*

**by Andre Smith**

**S**he wakes up. Goes to class. Tries to study on her break. Goes to practice. Leaves for work. Comes home to study.

And goes to bed.

Surely more takes place between events, but the point is that Sonia Blacketer's days are full.

Eighteen hours of class and a part-time job would be enough to keep the average student stressed, but for Blacketer it is normal.

"I'm a fast paced person," she said. "I hate everything standing still. I have to be doing something."

Perhaps the toughest part of her day is two to three hours of practice. As a Cross Country/Track runner, Blacketer goes through speed workouts and 6:00am runs.

As a result of her hard work on the track, Blacketer has won many honors. She was MIAA female athlete of the week three weeks in a row. Why not four?

"We were off that week," she said.

Blacketer credits this year's success to assistant coach Jamie Burnam. During the summer, she ran at 5:30am with Burnam.

"He has helped my running so much," Blacketer said. "He is always there to push me when I need it."

Last year, she earned All-American status in the 5K run. When outdoor track season comes along, she sometimes finds herself running the 10K.

"That's 6.2 miles," she said. "Twenty-five laps around the track. It really gets hard."

Blacketer said that when she gets discouraged, she reminds herself of the hard work she did to prepare for the season.

"I tell myself that I can do it," Blacketer said. "This is a talent the Lord gave me and I have to use it."

<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<i>Wake up. Eat Cereal. Get ready for class.</i>
<b>8:00a.m.</b>	<i>Class.</i>
<b>9:00a.m.</b>	<i>Class.</i>
<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<i>Class.</i>
<b>11:00a.m.</b>	<i>Study Break.</i>
<b>12:00p.m.</b>	<i>Lunch.</i>
<b>1:00p.m.</b>	<i>Class.</i>
<b>2:00p.m.</b>	<i>Get ready for practice. Speed Workouts Weight Lifting</i>
<b>6:00p.m.</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
<b>6:30p.m.</b>	<i>Work at Sears.</i>
<b>9:30p.m.</b>	<i>Home to Study.</i>
<b>11:00p.m.</b>	<i>100 Sit-ups before bed.</i>
<b>11:30p.m.</b>	<i>Bed.</i>

*Note: Tuesday and Thursday's begin with a 6:00a.m. run.*

# Alive And Kickin'

"I've had four years of frustration and I am ready for the team to win the conference and get a bid to the Division II tournament."

by Joetta Wigger

**T**ODD EATON IS READY TO finish his soccer career at Missouri Southern in style. Eaton, co-captain of the Southern soccer team and senior mass communication major/multi-media minor, will graduate in May and go on to pursue a position on a professional soccer team. Until then, the soccer season is of the most importance.

"Some of these players are strong players," said Eaton. "Ryan Ruper, Kylic Cirollo, Ryan Huntley, Justin Buerge, Ben Butler, Matt Pinner, Mark Turpin. They are all impressive players. We also have the best defensive team I have ever seen at Southern. That is really going to be one of our strong points."

It seems as though Eaton is ready to work hard and have a winning season, and it is no surprise. After having to sit out a year on academic probation, he is planning to pick up where he left off and run with it.

"I definitely took soccer for granted," he said. "Right now it is like a brand-new toy for me and I love it. The camaraderie on the team is awesome and everything is going well so far."

Eaton believes that not only will the defense help them tremendously, but so will the deadly offensive combina-

tion of himself and Ruper.

"We know how to play together," said Eaton. "They may be able to stop me, but they won't stop him. They may be able to stop him, but they won't stop me. Most of the time they don't stop either one of us."

Southern has some strong points, but, as all teams do, they do have some weak points.

"I just hope we don't get wrapped up in the hype," Eaton said. "We would have a tendency to do that. When we found out we were ranked



nationally, we got all excited and our heads got big. We need to be humble and take what we can get. If we get wrapped up in the hype and lose, it is going to be our fault."

Not only is Eaton looking out for the team, but also for himself.

"Vision is my strongest point. My

ability to score goals, playing physically, and my size all help me to stay on top of my game. I've been playing since I was six-years-old, and I've learned to make the most of my abilities. My dad has helped me tremendously with my game and has helped me play to my fullest potential. He's the one that carried a flashlight out to the garage at night and practiced with me. He is my motivator and has made me the player that I am."

"My weak point is my temper," he said. "My mouth gets me into trouble. Once it starts running, that's not good. It's one thing that I am going to have to work on this season."

Though soccer has not been as dominant at Southern as other sports, it is gaining recognition.

"The popularity of it is definitely on the rise," said Eaton. "We're going to get lights and fencing around the field, and we even have a women's program. I think many people are learning that soccer is a worthy sport and are starting to pay attention to it."

Not only are his plans for the season concrete, so are his plans after graduation.

"I'm going to spend the summer trying to find a position on a professional team," he said. "If I don't make it, I plan to either join the Peace Corps or work for my cousin in an ad agency. I definitely have my plans set."

Though he will leave Southern in May, he does have some fond memories of the school.

"I have made some great friends here," he said. "This school was made for me. If I were in a big college that had a lot of partying, I probably would not be graduating any time soon."

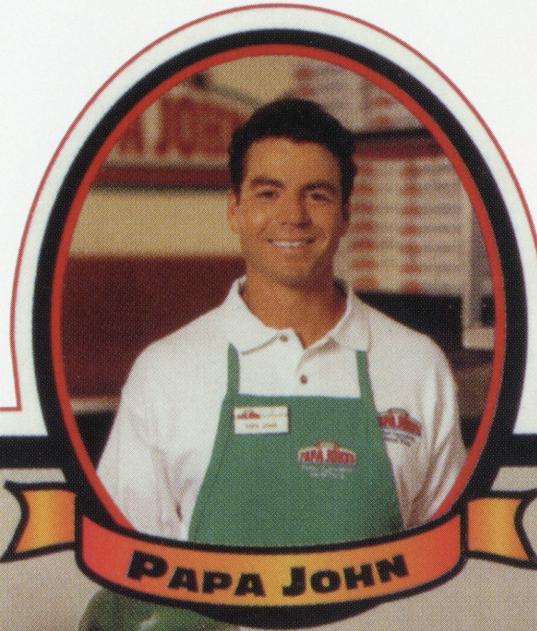


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